



STAGE SET FOR COLLEGE ARTS HQ

Report by Richard Guttridge

HALESOWEN College has been given the all clear to begin work on a £3 million performing arts centre after plans were finally approved.

The college has faced a battle to gain support for the facility and had to withdraw initial plans for a glass corridor and display space after concerns were raised by fire chiefs.

After being amended, the application gained the unanimous backing of Dudley Council's planning committee this week.

The two-storey centre will become the town's own 'Fame academy' with teaching and rehearsal rooms for students on music, drama and dance courses.

The Whittingham Road college has been struggling to provide enough space for the growing number of students taking performing arts courses.

Some have to travel off campus to use facilities at Benjamins, a function hall in the town centre.

The new complex was due to be connected to other buildings at the Whittingham Road site by a glass walkway, which the college had hoped to use as an exhibition space and break area for students.

But fire officers said the link way would be the main escape route for the block in an emergency so it would need to be left clear, halting the college's original plans.

Councillors agreed the amended plans were now suitable for the site but not everyone is pleased with the impending arrival of the new facility.

Backlash

College leaders have had to contend with a backlash from dozens living near the site who feared it will exacerbate problems on surrounding roads already clogged with parked cars.

Resident David Clarke, of Greenbush Drive, wrote to the council to complain the arts centre would increase traffic and parking problems.

He wrote: "We have repeatedly reported that the failure by the college to provide car parking solutions for the high number of students who drive to the college means that our residential streets are adversely affected with vehicles left by college staff and students."

Halesowen councillor Karen Shakespeare said she was pleased the college had finally secured permission to build the facility but admitted problems with parking needed to be looked at.

She said: "There are lots of issues around parking and those issues need to be addressed."

She added: "But this is a positive thing for the college. If it's going to bring fresh arts projects into the college that can only be a good thing for people trying to get those kind of skills."

GARDEN FURNITURE IS TRIBUTE TO HUSBAND



Joyce Bennett pictured with daughter Claire Roberts on the garden seat dedicated in memory of her husband Alan at the Brett Young Centre



Alan Bennett

A WIDOW has donated garden furniture to a dementia day centre in memory of her green-fingered husband.

Alan Bennett would visit the Brett Young Centre in Halesowen up to three times a week in the two years before his death aged 76 in December last year.

And having spent much of his retirement as a volunteer gardener, one of his favourite activities was walking around its garden.

As a tribute to her late husband, Joyce Bennett has donated two 'companion seats' for people at the Old Hawne Lane site to enjoy.

She said: "At his funeral we asked for money to be donated in lieu of flowers. In the end there was enough money to get two of the seats."

"Alan had spent many months down at the centre as a day client, often going two or three times each week. He enjoyed going there. He particularly loved the garden."

"The seats should be a big help. Staff had to pick up chairs and take them out each time."

Joyce, aged 77, a retired secretary from Halesowen, said she and Alan shared more than 50 years of marriage together. She added: "We had met at school and we also went to the same Sunday school, at the Malt Mill Lane Methodist Church. That was where we got married in 1961."

They had two children, Helen and Claire, and have four grandchildren.

AUTHORITY

Coventry on board for combined powers

MOVES for a West Midlands Combined Authority joining Birmingham with the Black Country have been boosted after Coventry councillors said they would sign up.

It means the combined authority would be the largest in the country and the only one to have three cities —Birmingham, Coventry and Wolverhampton. It would be given devolved powers on areas like transport and regeneration. Sandwell, Walsall and Dudley are also signed up.

Sandwell Council leader Darren Cooper said it put to bed any suggestion of the authority being called Greater Birmingham.

LEISURE

More people now using sports centres

THE number of people using Halesowen and Stourbridge leisure centres is on the up, new figures reveal.

Membership figures for the sites are also rising, say Dudley Council bosses.

There were around 402,447 visits logged at Halesowen, up from 399,688 in 2013/14. The number of visits to Stourbridge rose from 579,061 to 582,916 last year. But the number of visitors to Dudley Leisure Centre fell from 296,808 in 2013/14 to 270,165 in 2014/15.

HEALTH

NHS needs to save £7m across borough

MORE than £7 million will be slashed from NHS budgets in Dudley during the next 12 months.

Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group needs to make savings during the 2015/16 financial year.

GPs are looking to slash costs by reducing unnecessary emergency admissions to hospital and preventing 'bed blocking' at hospital.

Bosses hope the new Urgent Care Centre which opened at Russells Hall Hospital last month will cut the number of people attending A&E when they don't need to be there.

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Player butted an opponent's mother



Football ban — Corey Barnett

A SUNDAY league footballer is facing a life ban after he head-butted an opponent's mother who had run onto the pitch to protect her son.

Corey Barnett was playing for Black Country Rovers when he became involved in a flare up with Hasbury FC player Jack Weaver. But when Mr Weaver's concerned mother Pamela ran onto the pitch to intervene, she was head-butted by Barnett.

As a result of the fracas in front of horrified onlookers at the Red Lion playing fields in Oldbury, Barnett was suspended from any involvement in

football. He now faces a worldwide life ban after being found guilty of common assault.

According to the referee's report from the October 26 match, Barnett and Mr Weaver had both been red carded after an on the pitch altercation.

Mr Kulbir Paul, prosecuting, told Sandwell Magistrates Court on Monday: "The victim's son and this defendant were playing for opposing teams. She was watching when some sort of dispute ensued. She sees the defendant being aggressive and goes on the pitch to protect her son when she is head-butted."

Mr Omar Saddique, defending, said: "He is remorseful about what happened. It was a very chaotic situation.

Unemployed Barnett, of Lilac Grove, Bentley, Walsall, had denied common assault but was found guilty after a trial last month. He was handed a 12-month community order including 150 hours of unpaid work and ordered to pay £150 compensation, £500 costs and £60 victim surcharge.

District Judge Mr Michael Wheeler told Barnett, 23, who has two previous cautions for violence, that there was no excuse for his bad behaviour.

Portion of community cash going to festival

UP to £24,000 earmarked for small community groups across Dudley will instead go towards paying towards this year's Black Country Festival.

Organisations such as scout groups, residents' associations and park friends' groups have access to more than £240,000 from Dudley Council.

But council bosses have revealed that they will take around £24,000 from the community grant pot towards the running costs of the festival, in a deal likely to be ratified today (Thursday).

They say the decision is justified as the cash will go on a festival that involves thousands of people and promotes the Black Country each July.

Festival organising committee chairman Steve Edwards said: "It is fantastic that we have been supported and helped by the council to stage the festival. We want it to be sustainable on its own but at the moment we are just running it as volunteers."

Dudley Council leader Councillor Pete Lowe said: "Following the unprecedented and overwhelming success of last year's first ever Black Country Festival, leaders of all political parties on the council have agreed unanimously that it is vitally important that we ensure this continues to be supported for years to come.

Economic

"The festival helped to bring communities together across the whole borough and provided a significant economic boost to our towns and to local charities. We're sure it will continue to do this in the future.

"We have made a commitment that £1,000 from each ward's community forum budget for this year is set aside to support the future growth of the festival for the benefit of all of our residents. This year's allocation will be held by the council and will help support costs for the festival over the coming years."

Friends of Homer Hill Park member Harry Bloomer, which has applied for grants, said: "It would be a shame if smaller groups lost out on funding because money was given to just one event. Little groups are only after a few hundred pounds and need these grants. It should have been discussed at the community forums."

Dinosaurs invade libraries at half-term



Library assistant Rachel Hamar, left and Louise Moore promote the dinosaur-themed craft workshops

DINOSAURS will be taking over libraries across Dudley borough during the half-term holiday.

There will be workshops to keep youngsters busy, including the chance to make puppets and door signs, when the dinosaur events run at the borough's 13 libraries from May 26 to 31.

At Brierley Hill there are craft activities between 2.30pm and 3.30pm on each of the days.

Dudley, Cradley, Long Lane and Coseley Libraries have afternoon

events on May 28. A craft workshop takes place at Kingswinford and Lye.

On May 26, Netherton Library is hosting an event from 11am to noon, whilst Wordsley has an hour-long workshop from 11.30am and Gornal Library has an activity from 2.30 to 3.30pm.

Morning

Halesowen Library has morning activities on May 27 and May 29 from 11am to midday.

Stourbridge Library is running a making headbands activity on May 26 and a puppet workshop on May 29, both for an hour.

Sedgley Library also has two events, one on May 28 from 10.30am to 11.30am and from 2 to 3pm on May 30.

Deborah Harkins, chief officer for libraries, said: "We know how difficult it can be to keep children entertained in the school holidays and these events should be fun and informative."

Stuffies and the Neds are returning to rock action

STOURBRIDGE band The Wonder Stuff will play in Wolverhampton later this summer — 27 years on from the release of their debut album The Eight Legged Groove Machine.

Frontman Miles Hunt and the band will perform at the Wulfrun Hall on July 5. Tickets for the gig are priced £27.50.

The gig will be jointly headlined by Quinton indie band The Twang, who had a top three hit with their debut album Love It When I Feel Like This in 2007.

The Wonder Stuff released their seventh studio album, Oh No... it's The Wonder Stuff in 2013. Hunt recently shared stories of his rock 'n' roll life during a book reading at the Slade Rooms. He published The Wonder Stuff Diaries 86-89 in October 2014.

The Wonder Stuff had four top 20 albums and 17 top 20 singles including Don't Let Me Down Gently, The Size of a Cow, Circlesquare and chart-topper Dizzy with guest vocals from comedian and celebrity fan Vic Reeves.

The Twang formed in 2001 and have released four albums. The latest, Neontwang, came out last year.

Fellow stalwarts of the Black Country rock scene, Ned's Atomic Dustbin, are also back in action. Fronted by Jonn Penney, the Stourbridge band have a 25th anniversary show recalling the success of their iconic track Kill Your Television at Koko in London on July 17. It was the scene of their breakthrough gig in the capital when it was the Camden Palace.

Two students win scholarships

TWO Halesowen College students have received a merit scholarship of £1,000 and unconditional offer from Aberystwyth University.

Chelsea Collins and Charles Palmer sat a scholarship exam.

Chelsea, of Brierley Hill, is studying A-level Film, English Language and Literature and Creative Writing.

She is a former pupil of The Wordsley School and will be going to study English Literature and Creative Writing.

Charles, from Stourbridge, of former student at Pedmore Technology College and Community School, is currently studying towards an HNC in Computing.

He will study Software Engineering at the Welsh university.

Regeneration boss is deputy leader

A COUNCILLOR who has been leading the town centre's regeneration has been chosen as new deputy leader of Dudley Council. Pensnett councillor Judy Foster, who has served on the council for 17 years, replaces Stuart Turner, who lost his seat at the local elections.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



ALEX Salmond is to become the SNP's foreign-affairs spokesman at Westminster. Foreign? Do they mean us?

THE people's broadcaster should broadcast in the plain, straightforward English of the people. Last Wednesday's BBC lunchtime news began: "A tranche of statistics this morning..."

BUT I was impressed with some of the writing in the comedy Murder in Successville (BBC3). Raymond Chandler himself would have been proud of the line, describing an unsolved killing: "Like a rundown fairground, there wasn't much to go on."

THE first casualty of war is truth. The first casualty of this General Election is a sense of proportion. Ken Livingstone, who is old enough to know better, predicts "five more years of pure evil" while demonstrators who are little more than children scream about "vile Tory scum." Let's please have a reality check.



All that's happened is that a Government of the centre-right has been elected. To judge from the torrents of Leftist bile, you would think Whitehall had fallen under the power of the Dark Lord and the orcs were already gassing the poor. A generation of activists has grown up brainwashed into believing Tories are no better than Nazis and that the poll tax was a crime against humanity. What is it about Left-wing politics that attracts hysterics, drama queens and really bad losers?

THE TV licence is similar to Mrs Thatcher's poll tax. Everyone, rich or poor, is expected to pay the same amount and if you don't pay up, you may go to prison. So isn't it odd that the greatest defenders of the TV licence are the same sort of people who raged against the wickedness of poll tax? As the Tories start making threatening noises about the future of the licence, the usual assortment of Beeb-adoring luvvies and liberals seem to have no problem with poor people being jailed for not paying Auntie's annual bill. Funny old world.

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Hospital jobs are cut as trust saves £7.5m

MORE than 250 posts have been axed at Dudley's hospital trust during the past year in a bid to save £7.5 million.

These include 33 voluntary and eight compulsory redundancies, say bosses at Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

Two hundred positions have been scrapped by not filling vacancies as they have arisen and work is also under way to find alternative roles for a further 13 staff. Five have already been redeployed.

Health chiefs at the trust, which runs Russells Hall Hospital, are acting to balance the books in the wake of Government funding cuts. They have pledged to protect frontline staff — including midwives, ward and community nurses — and say compulsory redundancies would be a last resort.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "Voluntary redundancies totalled 33 and those staff left by March 31. A further 26 posts were identified for compulsory redundancy as part of our workforce reduction programme for 2014/15. Of the 26, eight posts were made compulsory redundant and left the organisation on March 31.

"We continue to seek redeployment opportunities for the remaining 13 staff, some of whom are already on a trial period. As vacancies arise, we are proactively matching the skills required for the post with those of staff on the redeployment

register and will continue to do this until their notice period expires.

"We have also permanently removed 200 posts out of the funded budget by actively reviewing vacancies all year as they arose. All these measures have allowed us to make the necessary £7.5m savings whilst safeguarding as many jobs as possible.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said he was concerned about the job losses.

"Like any other local family we queue up at Russells Hall when we're ill, so I'm concerned that the hospital has already lost more than 200 jobs," he said.

"I know they are trying to reduce compulsory redundancies and find some staff other work but people are still losing their jobs and the cutbacks are a disaster for our local hospital. It's just not possible to lose these jobs without an impact on the care and treatment people receive."

By Heather Large

Getting to know the King and I



Sarah Rose and Richard Cope as Anna and the King

AUDIENCES can experience a taste of the orient when a colourful new production comes to Brierley Hill.

Quarry Bank Musical Theatre Society will be transporting people to Thailand when they stage Rodgers and Hammerstein's much-loved musical The King And I next month. It will be the second time the group have performed at Brierley Hill Civic Hall following the success of its production of The Sound of Music last year.

The King And I is a love story set in 1860s Thailand as Anna, an English teacher, enters the court of the King of Siam filled with exotic characters and political and romantic intrigues. It features well-known songs including Shall We Dance and Getting To Know You.

The King of Siam is being played by Richard Cope while the role of Anna is being played by Sarah Rose.

The production plays from June 2 until June 6 with 7.30pm shows and a 2.15pm matinee on the Saturday.

Tickets are available through the website www.qbmts.org.uk or by calling 07913884208.

West Mids lagging behind on job figures

UNEMPLOYMENT is still falling with a record number of people now in work. Official figures showed it dipped to a seven-year low of 1.83 million in the three months to March.

But the quarterly cut of 35,000 was the smallest for almost two years — and in the West Midlands there was a 10,000 rise in the number out of work for January to March to 178,000.

The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance fell by 12,600 in April to 763,000, the 30th consecutive monthly reduction.

In the West Midlands the total claiming was down 2,475 at 84,851 (2.4 per cent of the working population) and while Wolverhampton still has the joint highest rate in the region at 4.4 per cent, the city's total was down 234 to 7,013.

There were falls in Dudley, down 173 to 5,530 (2.9 pc), Sandwell, 153 to 7,235 (3.7 pc) and Walsall, 123 to 5,060 (3pc). In South Staffordshire it was down 22 to 831 (1.2 pc).

Manager Cathy Taylor, of Jobcentre Plus, said there was a continuing trend of falling unemployment in the region. "We are getting more people into jobs and there are still a lot of jobs available," she said.

Greg Lowson, president of Birmingham Chamber, said: "There is a rather confused picture in the West Midlands on the jobs front and this may be seasonal."

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MP fights to reverse closure of police desk

AN MP has vowed to fight on to reverse a decision to close the front desk at Dudley police station.

More than 2,200 signed a petition calling for the controversial closure to be scrapped but West Midlands Police bosses have decided to go ahead with the closure on May 31 as part of plans to save £3 million.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin, who led the campaign to keep the public's face-to-face link with officers open, said he would continue the campaign. He warned that the decision would mean Dudley becoming the largest town in the country without a police station open to the public.

The petition was delivered to Parliament in March but failed to halt the move.

"I've been leading the fight to keep Dudley Police Station open to the public and one of the first things I did when I was re-elected was ask for a meeting with the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner," said Mr Austin.

"I got a commitment from Labour's Shadow Police Minister that he would expect West Midlands Police to keep the station open if Labour won the election. With the Conservative Government planning to make even deeper cuts to policing budgets, the closure is now going ahead," added the Labour MP.

Front desks at Stourbridge, Halesowen and Tipton have already closed.

More arrests by police in drug crime crackdown

MORE than 100 police officers have swooped on homes and other properties across Sandwell in the past six weeks in a bid to stamp out drug crime.

The tally of those arrested in the Spring Safer Six raids now stands at almost 60 after six men and a woman were arrested in the latest flurry of dawn raids across the borough.

Around £8,000 in cash was seized by around 100 officers who have been working on the various operations.

More than 100 rocks of suspected crack cocaine were found alongside the discovery of a three drugs farms harvesting class B drug cannabis.

The latest warrants bring the arrest tally to 58 with 49 of those charged and brought before the courts in recent days. Three remain on bail and one faces no further action, with 45 remaining pending trial.

Warrants

Chief Inspector Jane Parry, who is leading the initiative, declared the raids a major success in the fight against crime.

Ch Insp Parry said: "Spring Safer Six has been conducted in addition to business-as-usual policing and all the other warrants we have been executing as day-to-day business.

"In just six days of action we have seized £8,000 in cash, recovered 120 rocks

By Andrew Turton

of suspected crack cocaine and smashed three cannabis farms with drugs valued at just under £10,000."

She added: "In addition we have seized sat navs, bikes, bank cards, and even work boots which we believe have been stolen.

"Other property has also been secured for checks."

She said the force had been unable to trace all of the property's owners so far.

Officers will be displaying the recovered items during a property showcase between 10am and 1pm on June 6 at Hope Church, in Marsh Lane, Hateley Heath, West Bromwich.

Safer Six is a long-running Sandwell-based operation which aims to drive down crime levels across the borough.

The latest round of the operation was launched in April, the same month that burglary rates fell to an all-time low in the borough and Sandwell Police won praise for cutting re-offending.

Master of the frozen image meets pupils



Photographer and filmmaker Doug Allan with pupils at Pedmore Technology College, where he gave a talk on his career

A WILDLIFE cameraman, photographer and author visited a Stourbridge school to speak to students about award-winning work.

Doug Allan, who has been involved in television programmes BBC's The Blue Planet, Planet Earth and Frozen Planet, visited Pedmore Technology College in Grange Lane.

He was speaking to pupils and photography students from Halesowen College about his career and new book Freeze Frame.

The school's director of communi-

cations Lorraine Turner said: "This has been a really inspirational event and the students and staff have been amazed by Doug's images and fascinated by his stories and career to date.

Outstanding

"Our year nine GCSE photography group were particularly excited to have such an outstanding wildlife photographer to talk to."

Born in 1951 in Scotland, Mr Allan graduated with an honours degree in marine biology from Stirling Univer-

sity in 1973. Career highlights including in 2011 when he filmed and was a presenter for the BBC series Ocean Giants about whales worldwide.

In 2012 he was one of the presenters on Operation Iceberg, as well as filming many of the sequences in that award winning series.

In contributing to The Blue Planet, Planet Earth, Life, Human Planet and Frozen Planet, he has made over 70 filming trips. His book is about his 35 years of experiences in the Antarctic and Arctic.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Road safety is facing the axe

THE axe is looming for a team of 20 staff responsible for teaching schoolchildren across Sandwell about road safety after council bosses agreed to recommend cost-cutting plans.

A final decision on the future of the team, which visits schools in the borough, will be made the council's cabinet by August.

Sandwell Council wants to replace them with computer programmes as part of plans to save £2 million.

As well as holding classroom lessons, the team take children out of school to demonstrate how to cross the road safely. The council said a new computer system was considered to be a more effective way of teaching youngsters and was used by other councils.

Council allowance rate being slashed

COUNCILLORS' allowances in Sandwell have been slashed by £100,000 after a review of their pay.

Members had already voted not to increase their 'basic' allowance for the year, saving the cash-strapped authority £31,000, and a further £69,000 will now be saved by scrapping several 'special responsibility' allowances. These are paid to councillors who take on additional roles.

The decision is set to be rubber-stamped later this month following a review of allowances carried out by council leader Darren Cooper. "The next few years are not going to get any easier for local government and we need to do our bit," he said.



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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

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SOME time ago, I made a small donation to a well-known charity. Can't remember how much, it may have been a tenner, possibly a bit more. Let's just say it wasn't going to stop the world spinning on its axis.

For the next two, three, maybe even four years I was sent a deluge of junk mail. Glossy leaflets about the good work it was doing, of course. Personalised stationery bearing the charity's logo. Special messages at Christmas and Easter, and at least two Katherine Jenkins CDs. All designed to make me part with more of my hard-earned, presumably to reinvest in more CDs of popular sopranos.

On another occasion, one of the chuggers in Wolverhampton persuaded me to sign up for an annual donation to another national charity. Again the amount was small, and it later emerged it would be two years before the donation actually covered the commission for the grinning cheesemonger who persuaded me to sign up in the first place. I thought I was contributing to a worthy cause, not keeping a chirpy student-type in Starbucks and flip-flops.

When I asked a third charity to lay off the junk mail, it responded with weekly telephone calls instead.

All very annoying, and it made me far less likely to support any of these genuinely good causes again. But, as a robust and reasonably thick-skinned 40-something, I'm big enough and ugly enough to take it in my stride.

For 92-year-old Olive Cooke, though, the emotional blackmail proved much harder to shrug off. A devoted charity worker herself, she became Britain's oldest poppy seller.

She too made donations to many well-known charities, but as always seems to be the case, whatever she gave was never enough.

An inquest has yet to be held, but the evidence suggests she struggled to meet the commitments and cancelled some of the standing orders. As the charities responded by stepping up the tear-jerking campaigns, she took her own life.

We all know it is hard for charities to raise funds, and most reasonable people respond well to a bit of tin rattling and the odd stall in the supermarket. But some of the tactics used by the big charities in particular are every bit as unpleasant as the cold callers from the personal injury and PPI compensation industries.

Maybe it's time for the Charity Commission to step in, and I would love to know how much of people's donations is ploughed back into marketing.

In the meantime, I do believe we all still have a duty to help the less fortunate, but make sure it is anonymous.

The moment they ask for names, addresses, or bank details, make your excuses and leave.

Unless you are a very big Katherine Jenkins fan.



Express & Star report on the tragedy from May 18, 1945



Victor Meade's family at the memorial service



The service to remember the men who died in the crash

Service to honour fatal air crash crew

Families gathered to remember the Lancaster Bomber air crash in Wednesfield 70 years ago. **JORDAN HARRIS** reports

RESIDENTS in Wednesfield have paid tribute to seven airmen killed in a horror air crash in Wolverhampton – just days after Victory in Europe was declared.

On the 70th anniversary of the Lancaster bomber crash in which all on board perished, a service was held to pay tribute to those who died.

The plane had been on a routine training flight when it began losing altitude and crashed on Lichfield Road on May 17, 1945, at approximately 5.15pm.

The tragic accident – which occurred just nine days after VE day – left a five foot crater, with wreckage spread over two miles.

The seven airmen on board, none of whom were over 24, were based in East Kirkby, Lincolnshire, and are thought to be the only servicemen killed in Wolverhampton during the Second World War.

Campaign

After the crash, the wreckage and remains of the crew were bulldozed into the crater and a local minister performed a simple funeral ceremony.

The Wednesfield Historical Society and Reverend Nick Watson of St Thomas's Church in Wednesfield organised Sunday's remembrance service. They are also launching a campaign to secure funding for a memorial to be built on the crash site as a permanent tribute to the crew.

The names of the airmen who died were Ronnie O'Donnell, John Sills, Bernard Hall, Victor Meade, Gordon Rabbetts, Reginald Smith and Vincent Southworth.

Mr Meade's son Barry drove up from Wiltshire to attend the service and was joined by Mr Meade's wife Joan and other members of his family. Mr Meade said: "It was a lovely ser-



Gorden Rabbetts, Vincent Southworth, John Sills, Reggie Smith, Bernard Hall and Victor Meade

vice to remember the airmen tragically killed here 70 years ago.

"This is the first time the family has come because we did not know about it when a similar event happened for the 60th anniversary.

"We are so grateful to the organisers for making us feel welcome," he added.

"I was only three months old when my dad died. He was only 22 when the accident happened and he died very young."

Despite it being 70 years since the fatal crash, the details of what happened that day are still unclear – and the direction the plane was flying from has long been a topic of debate for residents in Wednesfield.

An Express & Star report from the time features quotes from a driver who said the bomber flew over him as he was delivering newspapers on Stubby Lane.

However, Tony Gough, a member of

Wednesfield Historical Society, a young boy at the time, said it flew over him by Wednesfield Park. He also believes the crew may have saved his life in the process.

He said: "I was on top of the air raid shelter in Amos Lane by the King George V playing fields, trying to retrieve a ball.

"As I was preparing to climb down I heard the sound of an engine from a plane and when I looked up I saw the Lancaster emerge from the clouds.

"It was probably only about 500 feet above ground level. It flew over my head and disappeared into the grey sky.

"Then I heard a loud bang followed by a cloud of thick black smoke.

"I jumped from the top of the shelter, something which I didn't have the courage to do before.

"A group of around 15 us ran towards where

the smoke was rising up and as we made the journey, that group doubled.

"We were running through people's gardens, hedges and all sorts.

"I eventually came to the crash site on Lichfield Road. I firmly believe that the crew of that plane sacrificed their own lives to save us kids on the King George playing field, because they could have crashed there.

"I think they extended their flight as much as they could after seeing young children playing on the field."

The following day, May 18, 1945 the Express & Star reported on the crash, with a picture showing firefighters spraying water into the smouldering crater and witness accounts of the crash.

Distance

In an article headlined 'Seven killed in Lancaster bomber crash on road at Wednesfield', a special correspondent reported: "Seven members of a crew of a four-engined Lancaster bomber were killed last night when the machine crashed in Lichfield Road, Wednesfield and was blown to pieces.

"Four bricklayers who were on the road some distance away were thrown to the ground by the blast and had to be treated for shock.

"Pieces of the bomber were strewn over an area two miles wide.

"There was not a single piece of the plane left larger than a table-top. When I arrived at the scene shortly after the crash, firemen were playing on the wreckage and had the fire well under control. A long stretch of hedge had been burnt to the ground and the grass of a field scorched and burned over a large area."

Simon Hamilton, who is a member of Wednesfield Historical Society and the Hands On Wednesfield group, said the debate was a key topic for residents interested in their local history.

He has been heavily involved with organising the service and the planning for a permanent memorial.

He said: "The Lancaster crash is a key part of our history and a permanent memorial would be a fitting tribute to those who lost their lives."

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I live in Coseley, it is in Dudley, post town, Bilston, phone code, Wolverhampton, Dudley councillor, Wolverhampton MP.

When I lived in Sedgley as a self-contained village it was Sedgley, near Bilston,

South Staffs. It then became near Dudley, Worcs, then Dudley, Worcs, finishing Dudley, West Midlands.

Proud villages and towns names have been lost. If the bureaucrats have their way we will be part of greater Birmingham, then the whole of the proud Black Country and its people will be lost.

Most people are proud of where they live. I always put Coseley on my address.

N CADDICK
Coseley

GP should be solution

WITH reference to the letter 'A&E no substitute for walk-in centres', The Chronicle, May 14

We already have plenty of what should be walk-in centres — they are called GP surgeries. This is exactly the service GP surgeries should be providing and duplication of these services with walk-in centres is unnecessary and expensive.

The totally dysfunctional NHS employs people earning extortionately large salaries who are supposed to sort out this mess.

But their mantra is: it is not my fault therefore it must be the fault of someone else.

The incompetence of this organisation, both medical and fiscal, beggars belief. It is an inescapable fact that the more money that's poured into it the worse it gets.

MR A SMITH
Amblecote

ROK move is council's fault

I WROTE on November 11 last year to your newspaper, asking that Dudley Council stop dragging their feet over Dudley Hippodrome, and here we are six months later seeing the ROK Group frustrated at the lack of interest shown by the council, leading to ROK now withdrawing their offer of £8m.

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I saw one little lad chasing a pigeon, only to be called away in the most fish-wife like of ways.

He was told to be behave himself and a lot more besides.

How sad is that?

He was just showing curiosity and maybe a little love of nature.

Parents should show a little more calm. To admonish so viciously is to plant the seed of more viciousness to follow — from the child himself next time.

Noisy parents — stand back and think how you must sound.

JAYNE SWANBOROUGH
Brierley Hill

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Brierley Hill roads are still a nightmare

WHEN Brierley Hill bypass was being built, we were told it would keep the town moving. Well, I have given it time to work.

I have to say that today I decided to time how long it took me to travel from Level Street to clear the junction of Mill Street. Eight minutes to travel 300 yards. Roger Bannister did the mile in under four minutes! There are seven sets of lights including pedestrian lights.

Travelling from Venture Way to Mill Street, traffic can turn right into Mill Street and when one vehicle is prevented from doing so, because of oncoming traffic, the traffic builds up to near to the new college.

There is also a sign saying

'No U-turns' at this location. If you study the junction you will see a U-turn is impossible unless your vehicle is made of rubber!

The solution is simple — make a no right turn into Mill Street and use the junction at Hill Street-High Street. I suggested this to Dudley Highways, their answer was 'it would upset the businesses in Mill Street'.

Then there is the pedestrian crossing fiasco at the Asda store — it would be easier to navigate the maze at Hampton Court. It must be the only junction in this country that you have to walk away from and then towards before you even get halfway across.

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£353m Met Hospital plans are showcased

PLANS for a new £353 million super hospital in Smethwick will be showcased at a series of consultation events across Sandwell.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust has lodged a business plan for the Midland Metropolitan Hospital with the Department of Health and HM Treasury.

The scheme is set for final approval by the end of June, paving the way for a planning application to be submitted to Sandwell Council.

Health chiefs are taking the proposals around the borough to give people the chance to view them and make any comments.

Exciting

Alan Kenny, the trust's director of new hospital development, said: "This is an exciting stage in the development of the Midland Met Hospital."

Public exhibitions take place from 9am until 5pm tomorrow and Saturday at City Hospital, on May 27 at Queen's Square, West Bromwich, on June 3 at the CAP Centre, Smethwick, on June 4 at Rowley Regis Hospital and on June 5 and 6 at Sandwell Hospital. The

By Heather Large

670-bed hospital is due to take up 16 acres on Grove Lane but a further 31 acres of land between Grove Lane, Cranford Street, Heath Street and Dugdale Street is to be transformed and filled with employment opportunities and housing schemes.

The hospital will offer a high-tech critical care unit as well as dedicated neo-natal, paediatric beds, coronary care, adult acute assessment units. It will also have 13 operating theatres, 12 maternity delivery suites and six birthing centres as well as MRI & CT scanners, ultrasound facilities and outpatient clinics for maternity care and children.

The trust is also working on plans to offer a wider range of clinics and facilities at Rowley Regis Hospital.

Baggies fan Les in line for top award



Albion fan Les James, 89, who is in the running for the award, with Hawthorns legend Tony Brown

A WEST Bromwich Albion-mad pensioner who once signed himself out of hospital to watch his beloved Baggies has been shortlisted for a national award.

Les James, aged 89, from Smethwick, has followed the club for 67 years and is in the running to be named Face-book Fan of the Year.

Les has been following the club since 1948, when he was in the Fleet Air Arm, and he revealed he has gone to extraordinary lengths to watch his heroes in action.

"I had quite a spell of illnesses, mainly something to do with emphysema," he said. "I was in City Hospital and we were playing Liverpool. I signed myself out to go and watch the match. We lost 1-0."

"On another occasion I made myself that much of a nuisance during the week that they let me out to go and watch Albion play Manchester United. I went up the Hawthorns with a catheter on and when I came out I collapsed and finished up in Sandwell Hospital."

Les, who attends games in a blue and white jumper he made with late wife Dorothy, is up against 10 other fans.

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Sunjay is ready for town's folk festival



Young bluesman Sunjay Brayne is performing at the Stourbridge Folk Festival which started last night

FOLK artists are flocking to Stourbridge for a five-night pub folk festival, which returns after missing last year.

The Stourbridge Folk Festival was cancelled in 2014 but returns at new venue Katie Fitzgerald's pub in Enville Street, Wollaston.

Among the acts is the town's own singer-songwriter Sunjay Brayne, a highly-rated blues performer.

Sunjay, who runs the Stourbridge Folk Club, has established himself as a respected singer and guitarist and recently finished a national tour with folk legends Steeleye Span.

Organiser Eddy Morton, who has been on the local folk scene for 30 years, said: "This is the second festival but it is the second in three years.

"The first one we did was at the Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley and we had Nizlopi and Nick Harper and some other great acts. It is great to be bringing it back this year."

Award

The festival, which started last night and continues to Sunday, will tonight feature award-winning rising star 25-year-old Lucy Ward, from Derby, taking to the stage supported

by Stourbridge band Kim Lowings and The Greenwood.

The following day Mr Morton is back with The Bushburys, supported by Sunjay. On Saturday lunchtime 20-year-old Luke Jackson from Canterbury takes his turn, while Flat Stanley and Danni G play in the evening. On the final day the stage is set for American singer-songwriter Chris Smither making a rare UK appearance. His songs have been recorded by Bonnie Raitt, Emmylou Harris and Diana Krall.

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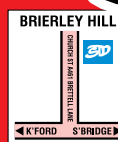
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80s treble season memoir is a winner

BOOK REVIEWS

THERE was an unsung hero among Liverpool's all-conquering 1983/84 squad — Chris Rea.

The singer's little known hit *I Don't Know What It Is But I Love It* became the club's anthem during its treble-winning campaign and spawned the title of this Tony Evans tome. And it couldn't be a more appropriate title.

Led by 63-year-old 'Smokin' Joe Fagan, in his first year as boss, The Reds had a lot to live up to following Bob Paisley's trophy-laden years. Despite a depleted squad, injuries to key players at key times — and even the ignominy of losing twice to relegated Wolves — Liverpool overcame the odds to lift the League title, the League Cup — beating Walsall en route — and then the big one, the European Cup, downing AS Roma in their own backyard.

Evans, who grew up a Liverpool fan, in now football editor at The Times. He followed the club at home and abroad during the epic 67-game season, watching all 42 Anfield games.

I Don't Know What It Is But I Love It (Penguin, paperback, £9.99) is his account of the players' booze-fuelled journey through that campaign, how team spirit and togetherness won the day.

Evans speaks to most of the leading players to gather their verdicts of that memorable season and also gains access to Smokin' Joe's diary. The result is just what Liverpool proved to be back in the day — a winner! It's a riveting read, one that you don't need to be a Liverpool supporter, or even a football fan, to thoroughly enjoy.

Mark Shipp
When it comes to plot twists, Game of Thrones has got nothing on English history in the 17th century. That most



I Don't Know What It Is But I Love It — how Liverpool won the treble

meticulous of historians Peter Ackroyd reaches the Stuarts and the bloodiest conflict on English soil in **Civil War: The History of England Volume III** (Pan, paperback, £9.99).

Surprisingly Ackroyd doesn't dwell too much on the battles of the actual war in this weighty volume but is peerless in his exploration of the political machinations and religious fervour which split the nation. He follows the story of a doomed royal house from the jubilation at the union of England and Scotland at the start of the century under a Stuart king, to the ignoble flight of the last true Stuart king by its end.

Ackroyd turns up many anecdotes that bring the clash between Roundhead and Cavalier vividly to life. He also paints a detailed picture of the two

most important players in this drama, grimly determined Oliver Cromwell and the impetuous, imperious Charles I.

People tend to have more 'stuff' now than ever before. The consumer society has left many living in homes cluttered with clothes they don't wear, gadgets they don't use and food they won't eat.

Trend spotter James Wallman suggests in his book **Stuffocation** (Penguin, paperback, £9.99) that people don't just need a clean out, they need to fundamentally revalue their lives by putting the emphasis on experiences rather than 'stuff'.

He claims that living a simpler, clutter-free life can make people healthier and happier. There are lots of examples of people who have turned their back on the consumer society. However, it seems to me that the resourceful people he highlights, mostly American, come from wealthy and highly educated backgrounds that mean if their minimalist, 'experientialist' lifestyle experiment fails, they will be able to ease their way back into consumer society.

In a world where many are drowning not in 'stuff' but the Mediterranean ocean because they would like to have some 'stuff' too, rather than live in poverty or a war zone, moaning about a clutter crisis seems terribly bourgeois.

Maybe we just need some — deep breaths please — calm. Calm the mind, change the world suggests Michael Acton Smith in his book entitled, you guessed it, **Calm** (Penguin, paperback, £9.99). It is a superbly designed volume, it even feels nice in your hands, and reminds me of Kerri Smith's similarly unconventional books such as **Wreck This Journal**.

Calm is full of tips on how to get rid of stress. Though the cynical may snort at some of the ideas, there is some good practical advice here for those who find modern life getting too demanding.

Leon Burakowski

Lowe and behold songs are sharp

Jez Lowe & Kate Bramley
Woodman Folk Club, Kingswinford
JEZ Lowe is one of the most respected singer/songwriters on the folk circuit and he may have been around longer than he cares to admit but he has lost none of his political edge.

Lowe was joined on stage by the multi-talented Kate Bramley who is a long-standing tour partner of his and has worked with him as part of the Bad Pennies. She took over the singing for Northern Song Bird which is rather appropriate.

The North East troubadour is as relaxed on stage as you would imagine from someone who has plied his trade all over the world.

There were old favourites such as Tekkin On Men about the long lost shipyards of Tyneside as well as a good range of tunes from his latest album *The Ballad Beyond* from where his opening song *Tether's End* comes.

He Pulled out his harmonica for *Back In Durham Jail*, which Lowe reckons is the official tune of San Francisco Morris Dancers.

Bramley is an excellent fiddle player but she really shone on the night when she played the mandolin making such a magical sound.

Lowe's style is to put on a laid back show which is part therapy, part stand up and wholly thought provoking.

Danny Farragher

Young'uns roar at the Red Lion

The Young'uns
Red Lion Folk Club, Birmingham

LAUNCHING straight into Billy Bragg's *Between the Wars* it became clear why they have won so many awards in the past 12 months, not least of which is Best Group at the Radio2 Folk Awards.

David Eagle, Michael Hughes and Sean Cooney carry their main instruments with them, their magnificent voices.

The Stockton singers had the packed audience in the upper room of the Red Lion in the palm of their hands, entrancing them with their singing and witty and caustic banter.

The trio followed this with their biting social comment on Channel 4's controversial series with *You Won't Find Me On Benefits Street* from their new album *Another Man's Ground*.

Their moving ballads included *Private Hughes, Waiting For The Ferry* and the *Streets of Lahore*, and banging vocals in *Shawnee Town*, *Tom Paine's Bones* and *Jimmy Go Down To Your Uncles*. **DF**

REVIEWS



Andrew Lancel, Juror No.3, is restrained during a crucial moment of the play

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The central figure, Juror No.8, played passionately by Jason Merrells, is the lone voice among the dozen and who is the only one to express his misgivings, while all around him are convinced it's an open and shut case.

Andrew Lancel gets his teeth into the role of Juror No.3 and gives a superb performance as the disillusioned father wanting to vent his anger, hurt and revenge on the defendant.

Denis Lill as Juror No.10 who says nothing much but very loudly and venomously, is also in fine form. The whole cast give solid performances.

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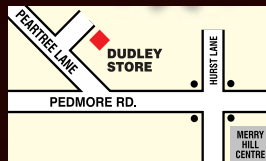
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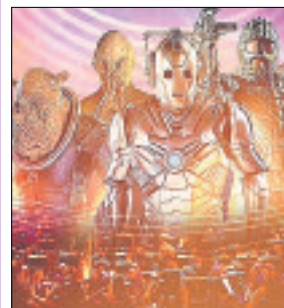
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Get set for those Good Vibrations



Fans can get into a surfing feelgood mood with a string of Beach Boys hits

CALIFORNIAN surfing feelgood music from the golden age of the 60s and 70s will be coming to Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena next week.

The Beach Boys have been through it all in their career, spanning five decades; deaths, court battles, line-up changes and walk-outs – there isn't much they haven't seen or done. Sur-

fin' USA, Little Deuce Coupe, God Only Knows and Good Vibrations are just some of the songs on their never-ending list of hits. Fans will be able to turn back the clock at the Arena next Friday (29).

Inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988 and recipients of The Recording Academy's Lifetime

Achievement Grammy Award, The Beach Boys are an American institution that is iconic around the world.

The touring band is led by original member Mike Love and Bruce Johnston, who joined in 1965, alongside supporting musicians John Cowsill, Tim Bonhomme, Randell Kirsch, Scott Totten and Christian Love.



Out and About and loving it

IN the first 18 months since its launch, Paul's McCartney's Out There tour has been seen by almost two million people around the world.

And after this year's chart-topping collaborations with Kanye West and Rihanna and performance at the Grammys, Paul announced plans to bring the tour back to Europe for nine special dates, including one at Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena.

So far, this tour has seen Paul and his band perform a total of 64 shows in 12 different countries in venues of all different shapes and sizes.

Album

And no doubt the Birmingham date next Wednesday (27) will again attract a sell-out crowd.

The 'Out There' tour features music from one of the best-loved catalogues in popular music, including Let it Be, Hey Jude, Live and Let Die, Band on the Run and Ebony and Ivory.

Paul will perform songs that span his entire career – as a solo artist, member of Wings and of course as a Beatle. The set list will also include material from Paul's most recent studio album New, which was a global hit upon its release in 2013.

Lord of the Dance gets futuristic twist

THE Lord of the Dance phenomenon enters a new phase with Dangerous Games, directed by Michael Flatley and featuring a new generation of dancers who update Irish dance tradition.

World, British and All-Ireland dance champion Birmingham's Megan Kerrigan is part of the 40-strong ensemble in the sci-fi sequel to Riverdance with robots and holograms that, despite hi-tech innovation, is drawn from folklore. Morgan Comer stars as the Lord of the Dance with Tom Cunningham as the Dark Lord.

It is at Symphony Hall from tomorrow (Friday) to Tuesday, plus weekend matinees. Prices start at £33. See www.thsh.co.uk or call 0121 345 0600.

Great songs and satirical comedy

SINGER Lorna Luft will be celebrating the music of her mother when she performs The Songbook of Judy Garland at the New Alexandra Theatre from tonight to Saturday. Helping her will be special guests, crooner Ray Quinn and Wicked star Louise Dearman.

Jeremy Hardy regularly takes a satirical look at middle class mores and the establishment in his BBC show Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation. He is also known for his self-deprecating turns on I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue and takes a swipe at current events on The News Quiz. His stand-up show is at the Wulfrun Hall tomorrow night.

Counting on Crows for one-off concert

CALIFORNIAN rock band Counting Crows are coming to Wolverhampton Civic Hall for the only British concert hall date of their European tour.

Fronted by singer Adam Duritz, the band have sold more than 20 million albums since exploding onto the scene with their album August and Everything After in 1993, including the hit single Mr Jones.

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LEIGH SANDERS popped into the Plough & Harrow at Aldridge, near Walsall, and was impressed with what he found

What did it feel like?

This is a great little pub, which has been stylishly refurbished to maximise the comfortable dining experience.

The lighting is just right, the décor big without being too bold. There are huge hanging decorations and a glass wine lock-up situated in the middle to get the connoisseurs fidgeting in their seats.

They have fitted a number of tables in to the space available, but the way they are laid out never makes you feel cramped.

How were the staff?

Dressed in a smart-casual manner they were attentive, professional and friendly from the start. They chatted about drinks and food and hinted at recommendations without trying to push you towards any given dish.

The place was fairly busy, yet they kept the level of service throughout other than the dessert menus being left with us a little too long before we were able to get the bill.

What did you start with?

The deep-fried crusted Somerset brie was a delight. It came with an apricot and cumin chutney which had a nice tang to it and cut through the smoothness of the cheese.

We also opted for the salt and Szechuan pepper squid, complete with cucumber ribbons and garlic aioli. The amount of pepper sprinkled in was perfect and the squid itself was just the right texture. It was a delightful start to the evening.

What came next?

The garlic and buttermilk battered halloumi is a must-try. It comes with twice-cooked chunky chips, homemade pea purée and a



Highly recommended – the Plough and Harrow has interesting menu options

tartare sauce. The latter is not your standard fare. Thick in texture and with a really vibrant flavour it complimented the halloumi well.

The chips, however, could have been a little warmer. They had perhaps been sat too long before being brought out to the table. However, they still tasted great and, again, stood head and shoulders above other pub grub efforts.

We also ordered Dauphinoise potatoes on

the side, which were a little dry towards the bottom but on the whole were as you would want them – soft and creamy.

What was the other main course?

We also selected the slow-cooked British beef and Black Sheep Ale pie.

The pastry was gorgeous and there was plenty of filling to get stuck into.

At first it seemed as if the ale had made it a little too runny, but as this soaked into

the pastry it became clear these fears were unfounded and there was plenty to dip your other ingredients into for extra flavour. These consisted of borage, honey roasted carrots and a healthy dollop of kale and cabbage mashed potato.

The mashed potato in particular was well done. It was thick and creamy, and with the vegetables mixed in it gave it a good consistency that could mop up some of that remaining sauce from the pie.

But no desserts on this occasion?

No, time was against us unfortunately. But not that the menu didn't do its best to get us to stay longer. There is a real variety for those with a sweet tooth.

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Lovely setting from these luxury holiday homes

ple from the Midlands wanting a high quality halfway point for the coast; Arrow Bank a small select park in the historical village of Eardisland; Westbrook a touring park near Ludlow and Rockbridge Park at Presteigne which also has park homes for sale.

The open weekend is a chance for all six parks to showcase themselves and their facilities and an opportunity

for visitors to view the wide range of holiday homes on display.

Each park will be hosting events over the weekend and as all the parks are within an hour's drive of each other visitors have a great opportunity to also enjoy this beautiful region.

You can download a show guide and free tickets for the events at www.bestparks.co.uk

CHOICE



Electro Velvet

Eurovision Song Contest BBC1, 8pm

Graham Norton comments on all the action from the Wiener Stadthalle in Vienna, Austria, as the 60th annual Eurovision Song Contest reaches its grand final. Last year's winner Conchita Wurst hears from the current crop of stars in the green room, including the confirmed finalists in the form of Austria's home act the Makemakes, Austalia's Guy Sebastian, French singer Lisa Angell, Germany's Ann Sophie, Italian pop-opera trio Il Volo, Spain's Edurne, and the UK's own pop duo Electro Velvet. Back in the studio in London, a surprise spokesperson will announce which acts the United Kingdom favours as results from across Europe are gathered.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Bread. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. A look ahead at the day's events. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00 Film:** Father of the Bride Part II. (1995) A put-upon dad is plunged into a midlife crisis as he deals with the news that his daughter is having a baby – and so is his wife. Comedy sequel, with Steve Martin and Diane Keaton. **3.40** Escape to the Continent. A recently married couple hoping to move to Valencia. (R) **4.40** Celebrity Mastermind. With Chris van Tulleken, Denise Robertson, Milton Jones and Adele Silva. (R) **5.10** Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. Action from the battle for pole position at the Circuit de Monaco in Monte Carlo, where the sixth round of the season takes place. **6.45** BBC News. **6.55** Regional Programme. **7.00** The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins – Eurovision Special. Game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. The first couple to win two rounds get to play for £50,000 and each time the champions defeat a new set of opponents their winnings mount up. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws. **8.00** Eurovision Song Contest. Graham Norton narrates as the 60th annual Eurovision Song Contest reaches its grand final. The action comes live from the Wiener Stadthalle in Vienna, Austria, where Mirjam Weichselbraun, Alice Tumlir and Arabella Kiesbauer will be overseeing the evening as hosts. **11.35** BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update. **11.55** Peter Kay's Car Share. Kayleigh is tasked to promote national blackcurrant jam week, so John encourages her by offering plenty of unwanted advice. Wry comedy, co-written by and starring Peter Kay and Sian Gibson. Last in the series. (R) **12.25** Film: Win a Date with Tad Hamilton! (2004) A supermarket checkout girl wins a date with a film star, much to the annoyance of her lovesick best friend. Romantic comedy, starring Kate Bosworth, Topher Grace and Josh Duhamel. **1.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 Film: A Walk in the Sun. (1945) **8.10** Film: Jubal. (1956) **9.50** Animal Park. (R) **10.50** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.50** Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial. (R) **12.50** Hitch. **1.50** Shirley MacLaine: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.35** Film: The Trouble with Harry. (1955) Black comedy, starring Edmund Gwenn. **4.10** F! Rewind: Title Battles. **5.10** Flog It! (R) **5.30** Britain's Greatest Generation. (R) **6.30** Golf: PGA Highlights. Hazel Irvine presents highlights of the third round of the PGA Championship, the European Tour event that takes place on the West Course at the Wentworth Club in Surrey. Eventual champion Rory McIlroy was tied for fourth following the third round of last year's tournament, on an overall score of eight-under-par, and had a lot of ground to make up being seven shots behind leader Thomas Bjorn. Commentary comes from Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter. **7.30** Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring puts the defence of the realm before personal pride, resulting in problems. Classic comedy with the Home Guard, starring Arthur Lowe. (R) **8.00** RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2015. Monty Don and Joe Swift anticipate the sounding of the bell that announces the end of this year's event, and begins the Great Chelsea sell-off. While they wait, they provide viewers with another chance to relive highlights from the BBC's coverage of the show throughout the last week. **9.00** Film: Great Expectations. (2012) Premiere. A penniless orphan is chosen by a reclusive spinster to be a playmate for her cold-hearted ward, whom he falls in love with. As he grows up, a mysterious benefactor offers him the chance to rise into high society, but dark secrets lie behind both the object of his adoration and his newfound fortune. Period drama based on Charles Dickens' novel, starring Jeremy Irvine, Helena Bonham Carter and Ralph Fiennes. **11.00** The Many Faces of Michael Crawford. A profile of the actor and singer best known for his portrayal of Frank Spencer in Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em and playing the title role in the first run of The Phantom of the Opera. (R) **12.00** Film: Man of the Year. (2006) **1.50** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Super 4. (R) **7.45** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Doc Martin. (R) **1.35** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **2.40** Film: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. (2001) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe. **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather. **6.00** New You've Been Framed! Unleashed. Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents. **7.00** Ninja Warrior UK. Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara provide the show's most successful competitors with another chance to prove their skills in the second adrenaline-fuelled semi-final. **8.00** Britain's Got Talent. Members of the public are given one last chance to prove their worth as entertainers in the final round of auditions. As always, Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, Alesha Dixon and David Walliams are on hand to appraise their performances, but once this stage of the contest is completed, the judges must then move on to the much more demanding process of whittling down this year's crop of contestants for the live shows. Ant and Dec host proceedings, introducing the contenders and taking viewers backstage ahead of the nail-biting performances. **9.20** Play to the Whistle. Pat Cash, Bob Mortimer and Natalie Anderson join Frank Lampard and Bradley Walsh as Holly Willoughby hosts one last round of the sports-based comedy show. Last in the series. **10.05** ITV News; Weather. **10.20** Film: Mickey Blue Eyes. (1999) A strait-laced Englishman falls for a New York mobster's daughter, and is reluctantly drawn into the family business. Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Jeanne Tripplehorn. **12.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** Volkswagen Racing Cup. (R) **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.35** Frasier. (R) **11.05** Frasier. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.35** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park, Goodwood and the Curragh. **4.15** Come Dine With Me. First aid manager Jacqui hosts the first dinner party in Perth. (R) **4.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.15** Come Dine with Me. It is the final day in Perth, and Craig's turn to throw a dinner party. He hopes that his land and sea menu will see him score highly, but Daniel and Jenna's quarrel continues. (R) **6.40** Channel 4 News. **7.00** Walking Through History: North Norfolk. Tony Robinson travels along the north Norfolk coast, finding out how the area maintained its rural identity despite the industrial changes of the Victorian age. Last in the series. (R) **8.00** The World's Most Extreme. An exploration of 10 of the most extraordinary tunnels on Earth, including those at the US-Mexico border that are often used to smuggle drugs. Last in the series. (R) **9.00** Film: Rise of the Planet of the Apes. (2011) A scientist carries out genetic experiments on apes, hoping to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. A chimpanzee used in the tests develops superior intelligence and becomes outraged at the human race's cruel treatment of his kind, forming his fellow primates into an army to overthrow mankind. Sci-fi thriller, starring James Franco, Freida Pinto and Andy Serkis. **11.10** Film: Savages. (2012) Premiere. Two marijuana dealers attract the attention of a Mexican drug cartel that kidnaps their shared girlfriend. Crime drama, starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Taylor Kitsch, Blake Lively and Salma Hayek. **1.35** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **2.30** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.45** SuperScrippers. (R) **5.00** Phil: Secret Agent Down Under. (R) **5.55** How I Met Your Mother. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.50** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **11.50** Film: Columbo: Mind Over Mayhem. (1974) **1.25** Film: The Great Escape. (1963) Second World War drama, starring Steve McQueen. **4.45** Film: Anzio. (1968) Second World War drama, starring Robert Mitchum. **6.55** 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket on 5. England v New Zealand. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the third day in the first Test of the two-match series, which takes place at Lord's, with commentary by Nicholas, Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott and Simon Hughes. **7.55** What the Dambusters Did Next. Documentary combining testimony from veterans, original archive footage, expert views and dramatic reconstructions to examine the missions undertaken by the RAF's 617 Squadron after the famous May 1943 raids on the Ruhr and Eder valleys, which were immortalised in The Dam Busters. Retired RAF navigator John Nichol delves into the records of the National Archives and finds a treasure trove of fascinating tales, including an account of the night-time bombing of the vital Dortmund-Ems canal, during which the men ended up flying through a ferocious barrage of flak. (R) **9.20** Big Brother: Timebomb. A round-up of Friday's events in the compound, including how the housemates coped with the pressure of the impending eviction, which took place that very evening. **10.20** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. When two sisters in their 30s are found dead in a crime-scene filled with twin imagery, it seems clear to the team that the Gig Harbor Killer is back. Ted Danson and Elisabeth Shue star in the last in the series. **11.20** NCIS. Gibbs and the team raid an illegal motor business run by US navy officers and find a marine's severed head in the boot of a car. Mark Harmon and Pauly Perrette star. (R) **12.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Big Brother: Timebomb. (R) **4.00** The Gadget Show. (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 5 Seconds of Summer & Hozier @ R1BW **8.00** The Vaccines & Jess Glynne @ R1BW **9.00** Florence + The Machine & Rudimental @ R1BW **9.55** Muse Live @ R1BW **11.00** Family Guy **1.30** Murder in Successville **2.00** Nick Helm's Heavy Entertainment **2.30** Crims **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Wild Arabia **8.00** The Wonderful World of Blood – with Michael Mosley **9.00** 1864 **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1980 – Big Hits **12.00** Wild Boys: The Story of Duran Duran **12.50** Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World **1.50** Wild Arabia **2.50** Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures **3.50** Close

ITV2

11.00 Britain's Got Talent **12.20** Britain's Got More Talent **1.20** The Hot Desk: Ella Eyre **1.30** Catchphrase **2.10** Mr Bean **3.20** Film: King Kong (2005) **6.55** Film: The Mummy (1999) **9.20** Britain's Got More Talent **11.20** Celebrity Juice **11.05** Britain's Got Talent **12.20** Britain's Got More Talent **1.25** Hell's Kitchen **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.55 Film: The Railway Children (2000) **2.10** Wycliffe **3.20** Film: Columbus: Lovely but Lethal (1973) **4.55** Lewis **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Inspector Wexford **12.10** Wire in the Blood **1.15** Wycliffe **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 Live FIA Formula E Championship. The Berlin ePrix qualifying session. **12.15** Counting Cars **12.40** Football's Greatest: Johan Cruyff **1.00** MotoGP Highlights **2.00** Live FIA Formula E Championship. The Berlin ePrix. **4.30** Football's Greatest: Eusebio **4.45** Film: Shalako (1968) **7.00** Shed and Buried **8.00** Storage Wars: Texas **9.00** Film: Apocalypse Wars (1979) **12.05** Film: Born to Raise Hell (2010) **2.10** I Want That Car **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.30 New Girl **1.00** The Goldbergs **2.00** How I Met Your Mother **3.00** Film: Three Men and a Cradle (1987) **5.00** Film: True Lies (1994) **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: True Lies (1994) **11.55** Gogglebox **12.55** The Inbetweeners **2.00** Rude Tube: Ultimate Stunts **3.00** Almost Royal **3.25** 2 Broke Girls **3.50** How I Met Your Mother **4.30** Make It or Break It

Film4

11.00 The Last Mimzy (2007) **1.00** Sister Act (1992) **3.05** Carry On Dick (1974) **4.55** The Spy Next Door (2010) **6.45** School of Rock (2003) **9.00** The Tourist (2010) **11.00** Evil Dead (2013) **12.50** Silent Hill (2006) **3.25** Close

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CHOICE



Stevie Wonder

Stevie Wonder: An All-Star Grammy Salute Channel 5, 10pm

An all-star line-up pay tribute to Stevie Wonder, one of the most highly respected recording artists of all time. Beyonce, Lady Gaga, Ed Sheeran, Pharrell Williams, Tony Bennett and John Legend are just a few of the big names performing numbers from Stevie's songbook at LA's Nokia Theatre, before the man himself takes to the stage for a finale performance of some of his all-time classics, including Superstition and You Are the Sunshine of My Life. Hosted by LL Cool J, the evening also includes Annie Lennox, Ariana Grande, Ne-Yo, Jill Scott and Babyface.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Pentecost 2015. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Wanted Down Under. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.45** Shark. (R) **3.45** Points of View. **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2015. **5.05** Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix - Highlights. (R) **6.35** BBC News. **6.50** **Regional Programme.** **7.00** **Countryfile.** The team explores Warwickshire, where Matt Baker visits Charlote Park, discovering the plants and wildlife that live on the banks of the River Avon. Anita Rani gets a taste of life as a pig farmer and Adam Henson becomes involved with an asparagus harvest. Helen Skelton visits Middleton Hall and reveals the story of naturalist John Ray and Tom Heap discovers a problem with using green waste as fertiliser. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **8.00** **Antiques Roadshow.** The team returns to Barrington Court in Somerset, where Fiona Bruce examines the house's collection of distinctive wood paneling. Among the unusual finds brought in to be valued are a revolver that may have been owned by Buffalo Bill and a collection of rare German chocolate moulds. **9.00** **Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell.** Strange comes to London to take up an apprenticeship with Norrell and the two of them rescue a stricken ship. However, the elder magician fears his new friend will surpass him and guards his secrets closely - particularly the ancient magic of the infamous Raven King. The mysterious Gentleman exerts a sinister influence over Sir Walter Pole's household, taking Butler Stephen Black to a shadowy kingdom where he discovers the price of Lady Pole's resurrection. **10.00** BBC News. **10.20** **Regional Programme.** **10.30** **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the final round of Premier League fixtures, which included Chelsea v Sunderland and Newcastle United v West Ham United. **12.00** The Football League Show. **1.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **6.30** The Big Allotment Challenge. (R) **7.30** RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2015. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. (R) **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Bread. (R) **12.00** Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial. (R) **1.00** **Film:** Camelot. (1967) Musical, starring Richard Harris. **3.50** Flop It! (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** Nature's Weirdest Events. (R) **6.00** **Golf: PGA Highlights.** Hazel Irvine presents highlights of the fourth and final round of the PGA Championship, the European Tour event that took place on the West Course at the Wentworth Club in Surrey. Denmark's Thomas Bjorn held a commanding five-stroke lead heading into the concluding round at last year's tournament, but a three-over-par 75 that coincided with Rory McIlroy's six-under 66 saw the Northern Irishman emerge as the champion. Commentary comes from Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter. **7.00** **A Very British Airline.** Examining how British Airways keeps its 28 flights a day to New York's JFK airport running smoothly. The cabin crew trainees find out if they have successfully completed the course. (R) **8.00** **Demolition: The Wrecking Crew.** A team demolishes an office block in the centre of Doncaster, a gas holder close to two railway lines has to be brought down safely, and a demolition expert searches for scrap. **9.00** **Armada: 12 Days to Save England.** New series. Three-part documentary about the sinking of the Spanish Armada. In the first episode, Dan Snow reveals the events that led to conflict between England and Spain. **10.00** **1945: The Savage Peace.** Documentary examining stories of brutal acts of violence carried out against German civilians in formerly occupied countries in the aftermath of the Second World War. **11.00** **The Many Faces of Stanley Baxter.** A profile of the Glaswegian entertainer, whose TV shows drew huge audiences in the 1970s and 80s. With contributions from Michael Grade, Barry Cryer, Bill Oddie and Gregor Fisher. (R) **12.00** **Film:** Valhalla Rising. (2009) **1.25** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.20** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Sooby. (R) **7.30** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **10.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **11.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **12.25** ITV News: Weather. **12.40** The Unforgettable Sid James. (R) **1.10** **Film:** Batteries Not Included. (1987) Sci-fi fantasy, starring Jessica Tandy. **3.15** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **5.15** Thunderbirds Are Go. **5.45** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **6.45** **Regional Programme:** Weather. **7.00** **ITV News:** Weather. **7.15** **Celebrity Squares.** Warwick Davis hosts the quiz, with Frank Skinner, Katherine Kelly, Rylan Clark, Nina Wadia, Aisling Bea, Alice Levine and Dane Bowers joining regulars Tim Vine and Joe Wilkinson. **8.00** **Sunday Night at the Palladium.** Jason Manford introduces the variety show, featuring Will Young performing his new single Love Revolution, comedy from Joe Lycett and a duet between David Gray and LeAnn Rimes. **9.00** **Home Fires.** Miriam fears the consequences of David learning the truth, while Steph hides a secret that threatens the farm's future. Teresa's past comes back to haunt her in the shape of an unexpected visitor who could ruin her new life. Kate and Jack make plans for the future, and Laura's jealousy complicates her relationship with Richard. Erica struggles to save Bob and Pat's marriage, and Claire is caught in the crossfire between Frances and Joyce as plans get under way to build a new air raid shelter for the village. **10.05** **ITV News:** Weather. **10.15** **Perspectives: Eddie Redmayne on War Art.** Actor Eddie Redmayne explores how conflict has inspired creativity, visiting studios and battlefields locations to reveal the unique legacy left by war artists. Last in the series. **11.15** **Premiership Rugby Union.** Mark Durden-Smith is joined by David Flatman to present action and reaction from the semi-finals, as the top four sides competed to book their place in the Grand Final. **12.10** The Store. **2.30** Motorsport UK. **3.20** **ITV Nightscreen.** **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.45** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.10** Ginetta GT5 Challenge. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **7.30** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** **Film:** Casper. (1995) Supernatural family comedy, starring Christina Ricci. **5.30** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. An interior designer tries to choose between Cornwall and the South of France. **6.30** **Channel 4 News.** **7.00** **Speed with Guy Martin.** For his second adrenaline-fuelled challenge, the race tries to set the world record for riding a motorcycle on water, with the help of a Cambridge professor and marine engineers. (R) **8.00** **For the Love of Cars.** Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead restore a Ford Transit in Manchester. They discover the vehicle has an unusual bonnet, which is a sign that it could be an exceptionally rare and valuable model of the classic van. Plus, a look at some of the most famous working vehicles manufactured in Britain, including black cabs, tractors and armoured cars. **9.00** **Film: Trance.** (2013) Premiere. An art dealer becomes involved in a plot to steal a valuable painting from his own auction house, but a blow to the head causes him to develop amnesia. Unable to remember the stolen item's whereabouts, he starts seeing a hypnotist to recall where he left it, but as she searches the depths of his mind, the barriers between fiction and reality begin to blur. Danny Boyle's non-linear crime thriller, starring James McAvoy and Rosario Dawson. **11.00** **The Mega Brothel.** A look inside a high-end, five-storey brothel in Stuttgart, Germany, exploring what life is like for the women, clients and management in a country with liberal prostitution laws. (R) **12.00** Sean Look: Purple Van Man. (R) **1.00** **Film: Renaissance.** (2006) **2.45** Born Naughty? (R) **3.45** Phil: Secret Agent Under. (R) **4.40** The Renovation Game. (R) **5.35** The Common Denominator. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.35** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** The Mr Men Show. (R) **7.00** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.15** Roobah and Custard Too. (R) **7.20** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.45** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.15** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.25** Only the Little White Van. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.00** LazyTown. (R) **9.30** Dora and Friends. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.40** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **11.35** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **12.25** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **1.25** **Film:** The Deep End of the Ocean. (1999) Drama, starring Michelle Pfeiffer. **3.35** **Film:** What a Girl Wants. (2003) Comedy, starring Amanda Peet. **5.30** **Film:** Chickadee Little. (2006) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Zach Braff. **7.00** **Cricknet on 5.** England v New Zealand. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fourth day in the first Test of the two-match series, which takes place at Lord's. **7.55** **5 News Weekend.** **8.00** **Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud.** Comedians Des Clarke and Katy Brand present a selection of the internet's most popular videos featuring dogs, including one with a pooch dressed in a tarantula costume. (R) **9.00** **Big Brother: Timebomb.** Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, diary room visits and chit-chat in the aftermath of the recent eviction. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. **10.00** **Stevie Wonder: An All-Star Grammy Salute.** An all-star line-up including Beyonce, Lady Gaga and Ed Sheeran salute Stevie Wonder with songs from his stellar songbook, before the man himself takes the stage. **11.50** **Blinging Up Baby: You Won't Believe It!** Following last year's documentary of the same name, this three-part series examines the growing trend for parents to kit out their young children in glamorous outfits. (R) **12.50** **Criminals: Caught on Camera.** (R) **1.15** SuperCasing. **3.10** World's Angriest: Caught on Camera. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Olly Murs & James Bay @ R1BW **8.00** Rita Ora & Imagine Dragons @ R1BW **9.00** Taylor Swift & George Ezra @ R1BW **9.55** Foo Fighters Live @ R1BW **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** Murder in Successville **12.15** American Dad! **12.35** Family Guy **1.20** Nick Helm's Heavy Entertainment **1.50** Murder in Successville **2.25** People Just Do Nothing **3.25** Nick Helm's Heavy Entertainment **3.55** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Peter Grimes on Aldeburgh Beach **9.20** Britain's Wild Places **9.30** Secret Knowledge: The Private Life of a Dolls' House **10.00** The Mystery of Murder: A Horizon Guide **11.00** Meat Loaf: In and Out of Hell **12.00** Heavy Metal Britannia **1.30** Eurovision at 60 **3.00** Abba at the BBC **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.15 The British Soap Awards 2015 **1.20** **Film:** The Little Vampire (2000). **3.10** **Film:** Jurassic Park (1993) **5.40** Britain's Got Talent **7.00** Britain's Got More Talent **8.00** You've Been Framed! & Famous **9.00** **Film:** I Am Legend (2007) **11.05** **Film:** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) **1.30** Mom **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** **ITV2** Nightscreen

ITV3

11.05 Wycliffe **12.10** **Film:** Columbo: Lovely but Lethal (1973) **1.45** Lewis **3.50** Wycliffe **4.55** A Touch of Frost **6.55** Foyle's War **9.00** The Best of the Royal Variety **10.00** Vicious **12.05** **Film:** Stepoe and Son Ride Again (1973) **1.55** Like Father, Like Son **3.10** Judge Judy **3.30** **ITV3** Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4

9.00 Premiership Rugby Union **10.00** **Film:** The Dead Pool (1998) **11.55** **Film:** Mars Attacks! (1996) **2.05** Hell on Wheels **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.00 Made in Chelsea **1.00** Melissa & Joey **2.00** New Girl **3.30** How I Met Your Mother **4.00** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** **Film:** 17 Again (2009) **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.10** Virtually Famous **1.00** Tattoos After Dark **2.00** Rules of Engagement **2.50** The Cleveland Show **3.15** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 The Man from Colorado (1948) **1.00** Marmaduke (2010) **2.45** Rat Race (2001) **5.00** Spirited Away. (2002) **7.25** The Animal (2001) **9.00** Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (2011) **10.50** The Sixth Sense (1999) **1.00** Spirited Away (2001) **3.35** Close



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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Avengers Assemble, BBC1, 8pm
A mystical artefact is stolen from a top-secret military base by Thor's brother Loki, who plans to use it to bring about an alien invasion. Spymaster Nick Fury brings together a team of superheroes, including Iron Man, Thor, Captain America and the Hulk, to defend Earth from the impending attack. Action adventure uniting the Marvel comic-book characters, starring Robert Downey Jr. (2012)

TUESDAY
Biker Boyz, BBC1, 11.55pm
The son of a mechanic killed in a crash is determined to honour his father's memory by becoming a champion motorcycle racer. However, the leader of the underground motorcycle club where his father worked refuses to let him join. Outraged, the young biker assembles his own team and vows to prove once and for all who is the fastest rider. Action drama, starring Laurence Fishburne. (2003)



Avengers Assemble, Monday, BBC1, 8pm

WEDNESDAY
Jagged Edge, BBC1, 11.45pm
Defence attorney Teddy Barnes is haunted by an incident when her actions led to a case of wrongful imprisonment. Desperate not to make the same mistake again, she battles to clear publishing magnate Jack Forrester of murdering his wife. In the end she falls in love with him, but begins to wonder whether he really is innocent. Thriller, starring Glenn Close. (1985)

THURSDAY
Seven Psychopaths, Channel 4, 10pm
A writer struggling to complete the script for a movie about psychopathic killers turns to his criminal friends for advice. He ends up getting more than he bargained for when the small-time crooks kidnap a dog that belongs to a gangster, putting all their lives in danger. Comedy thriller, starring Colin Farrell. (2012)

FRIDAY
Miami Vice, ITV, 10.45pm
Two undercover narcotics detectives pose as smugglers to infiltrate a powerful drug cartel. Crime thriller based on the 1980s TV series, starring Colin Farrell and Jamie Foxx. (2006)

Woody faces up to the Spanish inquisition

Kayvan Novak is nothing if not everything from the Oscar-winning thriller Sylvara to the recent Thunderbirds re-boot, via an acclaimed performance in the controversial cult comedy Four Lions. But it's arguably the series Fonejacker and its follow-up Facejacker that really showed off Novak's remarkable ability to create a range of different characters and voices. So, really, who better to take the lead role in this new sitcom about a master of disguise? SunTrap sees Novak as Woody, who has managed to turn his chameleon-like abilities into a career as the world's number one undercover reporter – until his corrupt editor exposes his identity, forcing him to go on the run. Novak certainly thinks it's the perfect role, saying: "Woody is the part I have dreamed of playing since I was a kid. That and [Star Wars character] Boba Fett."

He's also been gifted a great co-star

in the shape of Bradley Walsh, who has proved in the past that he can turn his hands to pretty much anything as well, whether it's starring in Law & Order: UK or hosting The Chase. Walsh plays Woody's former mentor Brutus, who now runs a bar on a Spanish island and isn't initially all that enthusiastic about his sun-kissed new life being disrupted by his troublesome, if charming, protégé. However, Woody has no one else he can turn to, and Brutus soon realises he can make use of the reporter by putting him to work on a series of investigations. Unlike his character, it certainly sounds like Walsh had few reservations about teaming up with Novak. He says: "My goodness, what a blast it is filming SunTrap. With a very funny script, brilliant cameos from the likes of Keith Allen and Paul Kaye as Señor Big and Frederico Mercury, what's not to like? I'm loving every second working with the brilliant Kayvan Novak, it's a hoot from dawn to dusk."

Novak returns the compliment, adding: "So here I am in the sun solving crimes and pretending to be a pirate, a hypnotist and a lady cropper. I thought life couldn't get any better. Then I saw Bradley Walsh drive by on a jet ski wearing nothing but a dressing gown." In fact, the only thing that might give the audience pause for thought is the fact that a sitcom with such an impressive cast, fun setting and promising premise hasn't driven straight into the primetime slot recently vacated by Peter Kay's Car Share, and has instead found itself parked at 10.45pm. That's not the only mystery in this opening episode, as Melody (Emma Pierson), the wife of pension fraudster Donald Hammer (Alan Williams) asks Brutus to help her track down her husband's hidden millions. Unfortunately, it seems the chief witness in the case is Don's parrot, Teflon, which has recently been snatched. Can Woody find the right disguise to track down a bird-napper? And where does guest star Jack Dee fit into the proceedings?



Bradley Walsh and Kayvan Novak star, SunTrap, Wednesday, BBC1, 10.45pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Springwatch 2015 BBC2, 8pm
RSBP Minsmere on the Suffolk coast is widely regarded as one of the best nature reserves in the UK, if not Europe. So, it makes the ideal setting for the latest series of Springwatch, which is back for an impressive three-week run. It also means that presenters Chris Packham, Michaela Strachan and Martin Hughes-Games are unlikely to run out of things to talk about between now and June 11, as Minsmere's dunes, grasslands and shingle beaches become home to rare birds, including marsh harriers, avocets, and bitterns. The focus isn't just on our feathered friends, as in a Springwatch first, three families of badgers have been fitted with GPS trackers, while roving reporter Iolo Williams will be filing reports from the far north of the British Isles.

TUESDAY
Gary Lineker on the Road to FA Cup Glory BBC1, 10.45pm
The FA Cup is part of our nation's history. With the competition returning to the BBC after a six-year gap, Gary Lineker sets off around the nation to investigate the world's oldest football tournament. Along the way he meets the men whose careers

and lives were changed by the competition. Ian Wright, Roberto Martinez and Fabrice Muamba share their stories with Gary, along with the Cambridge United players ahead of their clash with Manchester United last January.

WEDNESDAY
Benefits Britain: Me & My 14 Kids Channel 5, 9pm
The concluding edition of the two-part documentary about people with large families who rely on benefits introduces viewers to Tom and Stacey Shaw. They have 14 children ranging in age from 18 years to 18 months. The family lives in an eight-bedroom home and receive more than £70,000 a year from the state to support themselves. Tom gave up his job as a postman 10 years ago to become the full-time carer of one his older sons, who has a potentially life-threatening medical condition, and both he and Stacey make sure their domestic life is run with military precision to make sure nothing goes amiss. There's a look at Sara Crafter's predicament – she has three grown up children who, like their mum, are jobless.



Gary Lineker on the Road to FA Cup Glory, Tuesday, BBC1, 10.45pm

24 Hours in A&E Channel 4, 9pm
New series. Return of the documentary following life inside the A&E department of St George's Hospital in south-west London. Ashley, 28, is brought in after a car pulled out into his motorbike and doctors are concerned he could have back, pelvis and internal injuries and send him for a CT scan, while 77-year-old ambulance driver Jim arrives after collapsing at the wheel of his vehicle and driving into a lamppost. Staff also treat 14-year-old Fabian, who fell 20ft from a tree and hasn't moved since and is suffering from back and neck pain.

THURSDAY
Inside Jaguar: Making a Million Pound Car Channel 4, 9pm
Back in February 1963 Jaguar began work on its Lightweight E-type project, with a plan to build 18 Special GT E-type cars. However, only 12 of the aluminium-bodied vehicles were completed

back in the 1960s, and now the British car manufacturer have finished the missing six Lightweights that were never made. Mark Evans follows the creation of these cars that have been hand-built in-house by Jaguar's finest craftsmen and specialist engineers, with each being constructed to the exact specifications of their original 1960s forebears. But before you get on the phone to your nearest Jaguar showroom, you should note these cars will come with a massive price tag – around the £1million mark – and not everyone is happy about the whole situation.

FRIDAY
Have I Got News for You BBC1, 9pm
With post-General Election fall-out and fallings-out still dominating the Press, Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are sure to have plenty to sink their satirical teeth into again tonight. It's always nice to see tried-and-tested panellists returning to this long-running show, and one of this evening's participants, Andy Hamilton, is second only to Alexander Armstrong when it comes to HIGNFY guest appearances, with this being his 16th outing. Whether he's on Team Paul or Team Ian, Hamilton will be taking on a relative rookie in Essex-born writer, stand-up comedian and actress Sara Pascoe.

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- They were some-times held to be more illuminating (12)
- It dies at the end of December (5)
- It's straightforward and on the level (5)
- A tower of strength (3)
- Most foolish, how-ever? (9)
- Roadside place for those low in spirit? (6)
- The comfort of the man taking over? (6)
- The way to cure behaviour? (9)
- A number of vital importance (3)
- Heart-broken world (5)
- An odd type of route (5)
- He isn't a good forecaster (7,2,3)

Down

- Assemble and call for a lady (4,8)
- Strike up (3)
- Master's current form (6)
- In a hurry to make me paint it (9)
- Colour uniformly used (5)
- Intrusion which may spoil the reception (12)
- Agree to be enthusi-astic (5)
- His plight might pos-sibly warn sailors (9)
- Silly Annie is upset (5)
- Suit to change into? (6)
- The fault of some terrorists (5)
- As well as the first fifteen letters (3)

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Quick Clues:

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- Succeed (4,3,5)
- Frivolous (5)
- Corn (5)
- Tavern (3)
- Malignity (9)
- Earth (6)
- Instructions (6)
- Harshness (9)
- Write (3)
- Memorize (5)
- In good time (5)
- Spineless (12)

Down

- Nubile (12)
- Label (3)
- Whole (6)
- Rhythmically (9)
- Exhaust (5)
- Irrational (12)
- Slowly (5)
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Escheat; 8 Enamel; 9 Ide-ally; 10 Ingrid; 11 Mised; 12 Absinthe; 18 Nol-fect; 20 Absent; 21 Bottom; 22 Fast set; 23 Lean on; 24 Reverse. Down: 1 Deliah; 2 Largess; 3 Design; 5 Sediment; 6 Hearse; 7 Asleep; 13 Tent-pegs; 14 Distant; 15 Adamant; 16 Abrade; 17 Nettle; 19 Ironed. QUICK - Across: 4 Against; 8 Equity; 9 Parched; 10 Simple; 11 Damage; 12 Straddle; 18 Farcial; 20 Mature; 21 Bemuse; 22 Confide; 23 Depend; 24 Restore. Down: 1 Per-sist; 2 Summary; 3 Stolid; 5 Grandeur; 6 Income; 7 Sledge; 13 Defender; 14 Accused; 15 Already; 16 Galore; 17 Buffet; 19 Clever.

Quiz

- How many years does a sapphire wedding anniversary celebrate?
- Which country's vehicle registration letters are RCH?
- Which vegetable has the varieties Nevada and Canberra?
- Which line is coloured grey on a London underground map?
- Which shipping forecast area lies between Fastnet and Irish Sea?
- In which Forest is As You Like It set?
- On which river does Florence stand?
- Which singer was born Robert Allan Zimmerman?
- What was the name of the dog in the film The Wizard of Oz?
- Phobos and Deimos are satellites of which planet?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Sagittarius; 2 An angler's name for a species of mayfly; 3 Morocco; 4 Golden Hind; 5 Noel Coward; 6 The Napoleonic War; 7 Franz Hals; 8 Germany; 9 Palermo; 10 Flann O'Brien. Niner: LIFEGUARD

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

3834 gives a flower,
19574 gives a second flower,
16254 gives a third flower.

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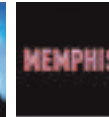
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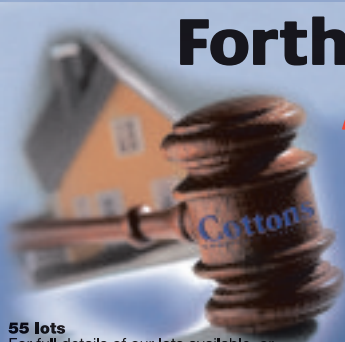
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A fantastic opportunity to rent a fully furnished apartment in the heart of Birmingham City Centre. This 1 bed modern property overlooking the Mailbox features open plan living with 24 hour concierge service and secure underground parking (permit required), double glazed and electric heating. Viewings highly recommended. EPC: C



HALESOWEN, Hagley Road£795 pcm+Fees
An unfurnished detached house within close proximity of Halesowen. Briefly comprising of: 3 bedrooms, large lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with separate w.c., driveway parking & garage, double glazing, gas central heating (new boiler) EPC: D



HALESOWEN, Ashville Drive£750 pcm+Fees
An unfurnished detached house, in a popular area, briefly comprising of: gas central heating, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs w.c., 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, front & rear gardens, garage & driveway parking, within easy reach of Halesowen College & town centre, available early June. EPC: TBC



STOURBRIDGE, Trinity Road£750 pcm+Fees
A beautifully fully refurbished detached house in this very popular location in a quiet cul-de-sac position comprising of: brand new kitchen leading to a very spacious lounge overlooking a full width conservatory, 3 spacious bedrooms & a fabulous appointed bathroom with shower, integrated garage, driveway for 2 cars, low maintenance garden. Available now. EPC: TBC



BRIERLEY HILL, Wychbury Road£675 pcm+Fees
Superb modern 3 bedroom semi-detached house comprising of: porch, entrance hall, refitted kitchen, lounge diner, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, house bathroom, tandem garage, driveway & delightful rear garden, this family home is situated in an enviable cul-de-sac position and offers a very long rental opportunity. Available Now. EPC: TBC



Brierley Hill, Lynval Road £675 pcm+Fees
A beautiful family home approached via a concrete print drive giving access to the main property entrance, the accommodation offered includes a lounge/diner, kitchen, laundry room (converted from the garage), 3 bedrooms, family bathroom. A fantastic landscaped garden, close to Stevens Park. This property offers a very long term rental opportunity. EPC: D



HALESOWEN, Hunnington Crescent£650 pcm+Fees
Beautifully presented and within walking distance to Halesowen Town Centre. This 3 bedroom townhouse features a fitted kitchen, large lounge with space for a dining area, house bathroom with shower, low maintenance rear garden, double glazing and gas central heating, driveway and garage. EPC: D



HALESOWEN, Summerfield Avenue£650 pcm+Fees
Ideally located in Hurst Green, close to popular schools, motorway access and commutable to Birmingham. This lovely semi-detached home features 2 large bedrooms and a single bedroom, 2 spacious reception rooms, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, driveway parking and garage. EPC: D



CRADLEY HEATH, Wallace Rise£575 pcm+Fees
A beautifully refurbished 3 bedroom and terraced house. This lovely home is situated on the Timberlee Estate and ideal for local schools and bus links. The house features 2 large & 1 single bedrooms, front reception room, brand new kitchen/dining area, new bathroom with shower, good size private rear garden, on road parking. EPC: D



HALESOWEN, Princess Crescent£550 pcm+Fees
A very well presented 1st floor apartment available in this popular and convenient location in a corner cul-de-sac position, briefly comprising of a modern kitchen with appliances, good size lounge, 2 good size bedrooms, bathroom with shower, garage & parking for 2 vehicles. Available immediately. EPC: C



HALESOWEN, Beaumont Road£550 pcm+Fees
Located minutes from Blackheath Town Centre this modern 2 bed semi house features, lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, bathroom with shower, driveway parking, rear garden. It also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPC: D



HALESOWEN, Holt Road £550 pcm+Fees
A nicely presented refurbished mid terraced home, close to local shops. Featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen with oven/hob, downstairs bathroom with shower, double glazing, gas central heating, small rear gardens, on road parking. Available Now. EPC: D



HALESOWEN, Hawne Court£525 pcm+Fees
Located in a quiet, desirable neighbourhood is this well kept ground floor apartment situated at the end of a peaceful cul-de-sac, offering a spacious living room, modern fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, 2 double bedrooms, gas central heating, bathroom with fitted shower, allocated parking space with garage. EPC: D



BRIERLEY HILL, Talbot Street£495 pcm+Fees
Fully refurbished end terraced house close to Brierley Hill town centre. This lovely property has new fitted kitchen with oven/hob, rear lounge, long rear garden, 2 bedrooms, white bathroom with shower, newly fitted central heating with new boiler. Available now. EPC: TBC



CRADLEY HEATH, King Street£475 pcm+Fees
Located in the heart of Old Hill. Ideally situated for local shops, buses and train links. A 1st floor modern apartment which comprises of 2 bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite, fitted kitchen, spacious lounge, double glazing, electric heating, bathroom with shower, allocated parking space. EPC: C



BRIERLEY HILL, Little John Street£475 pcm+Fees
Located within walking distance to Brierley Hill and Merry Hill. This unfurnished modern and new house features 2 double bedrooms, gas central heating, fitted kitchen, downstairs w.c., spacious living room, bathroom with shower, rear garden, off road parking for 2 cars. EPC: C. LANDLORD REQUIRES 2 MONTHS DEPOSIT AND A FAMILY MEMBER TO BE GUARANTOR



HALESOWEN, Belgrave Road£425 pcm+Fees
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KIDDERMINSTER, Bewdley Road£425 pcm+Fees
A ground floor flat close to town centre & hospital comprising of: large living room, large double bedroom, fitted kitchen With oven/hob, bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, small private garden. Available Now EPC: TBC



HALESOWEN, Lyde Green £395 pcm+Fees
Located on the popular Homer Hill Estate in Halesowen is this unfurnished 2nd floor flat, comprising of: Living room/fitted kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom with shower, communal garden, garage, and residents parking. Available now. EPC: E



LYE, High Street £375 pcm+Fees
Fully refurbished in the centre of Lye. This spacious 2nd floor apartment features a lovely lounge, 1 double bedroom, bathroom, modern and contemporary kitchen/ diner, electric heating, double glazing, on road parking. Available now. EPC: E

PROPERTY

Spacious family home that has wow factor



THIS spacious semi-detached house in Wolverhampton Road, Sedgley, comes with the 'wow factor'.

It is for sale through Skitts Estate Agents at £199,950.

With secure off-road parking to the rear, central heating and double glazing, it has a porch, entrance hall with Minton-tile flooring, living room, dining room with a patio door, a sitting room, a kitchen with floor and wall tiling, utility area, three bedrooms (master en suite), bathroom and a rear garden.

Contact Skitts Estate Agents on 01902 686868 or visit www.skitts.net



Beautifully presented semi has three bedrooms



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We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £161,000 on the above property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place. EPC=C. 0121 550 7474

A BEAUTIFULLY presented and extended semi-detached family home, 37 Kingsley Road, Kingswinford, has spacious accommodation.

It is for sale through The Lee Shaw Partnership at £214,950.

With gas central heating and double glazing it has a porch, entrance hall with stairs off, a lounge with a feature fireplace, extended kitchen with a double oven, hob and cooker hood, a dining room/study with patio doors opening to the garden, inner lobby, three good sized bedrooms (one with a wardrobe) and a refitted bathroom and landscaped gardens.

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266 Pound Road

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Offers in the region of £189,950

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Manor Lane

* An impressive detached family house
* Superb outlook and extensive gardens
* Through lounge, dining area, family room/ sitting room * Quality fitted kitchen/breakfast room/utility room * Fitted cloakroom
* Conservatory * Four bedrooms with fitted furniture * Shower room * Bathroom EPC=tbc
Offers in the region of £550,000

Romsley



Romsley Hill Grange Farley Lane

* The ground floor apartment in a unique building (of just two apartments) * A secluded position with aspect onto the landscaped grounds and woodland * Two beds (Principal en-suite) * Spacious kitchen/breakfast room and utility area * Open plan lounge and inner dining area * Double garage EPC=D
Offers in the region of £285,000

Halesowen



Beecher Road

* Period detached house * Full of character, charm and unspoilt features * Impressive reception hall, fitted cloaks, recently re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room * Lounge, separate dining room, utility * 4 bedrooms, bathroom with both bath & shower * Pleasant gardens, detached garage EPC=F
£255,500

Quinton



Trevanite Avenue

* Link-detached house
* Extended living room and extended re-fitted kitchen
* Three bedrooms
* Ground floor and first floor shower rooms
* Low maintenance rear garden
EPC=E
Fixed Price £220,000

Halesowen



Blakedown Road

* Semi Detached
* Three Good Sized Bedrooms
* Re-fitted Kitchen and Re-fitted Bathroom with Shower Cubicle
* Garage
* Lovely Rear Garden
EPC=tbc
£189,950

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New John Street

* Semi-detached
* Re-fitted kitchen
* Three bedrooms & bathroom
EPC=tbc
£129,500

Halesowen



Haswell Road

* Mucklow semi-detached house on prominent corner position * Extended and re-planned to provide three reception rooms * Fitted cloakroom/shower room and garage * Lounge, dining room and family room * Fitted kitchen * Large laundry/utility * Two bedrooms with furniture, spacious third bedroom EPC=tbc
Offers in the region of £235,000

Quinton



Glyn Road

* Semi-detached house
* Three bedrooms
* Through living room
* Double garage to rear
* Good sized rear garden
EPC=tbc
Offers in the region of £154,950

Halesowen



Howley Grange Road

* Semi-detached
* In need of general modernisation
* Three bedrooms
* Through living room
* Small garage
EPC=tbc
Offers in the region of £179,950

Halesowen



Newlands Drive

* Extended semi detached house
* Three bedrooms
* Kitchen/dining room
* Through living room
* Lovely rear garden
* Small side garage
EPC=E
Offers in the region of £185,000

Halesowen



Narrow Lane

* Traditional style semi-detached house
* Three bedrooms and shower room
* Lounge, dining room and fitted kitchen
* Utility room, side garage, good sized gardens
* Gas boiler heating radiators, double glazed windows
* A must view property EPC=D
Offers in the region of £239,950

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The Rosegardens

* Spacious house planned on three floors
* Fitted kitchen/breakfast room/fitted cloakroom
* Lounge leading to conservatory/dining room
* Principal bedroom with en-suite
* Two further bedrooms * House bathroom
* Enclosed gardens, carport and parking space
EPC=C
Offers in the region of £185,000

Halesowen



Links View

* Detached house
* Fitted cloakroom and utility
* Double garage
* Four bedrooms
* En-suite shower room
* House bathroom
EPC=C
Offers in the region of £309,950

Halesowen



Welbeck Close

* Detached house
* Re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room
* Study and utility
* Two reception rooms
* Four bedrooms one with en-suite
* House bathroom
* Double garage EPC=D
Offers in the region of £389,950

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Carters Lane

* Semi-detached House
* Downstairs wc
* Four good sized bedrooms
* Bathroom and shower room
EPC=D
Offers in the region of £275,000

Halesowen



Hayley Park Road

* Detached House
* Two Reception Rooms
* Breakfast Room * Kitchen
* Conservatory
* Three Bedrooms
* Shower Room
* Garage EPC=E
Offers in the region of £309,950

Halesowen



Stourbridge Road

* Detached bungalow
* Good sized garage
* Three bedrooms (master with en-suite)
* Breakfast kitchen
* Conservatory
EPC=D
Offers in the region of £279,950

Stourbridge



Norton Road

* Attractive semi detached house situated opposite Mary Stevens Park * Three bedrooms and well appointed bathroom * Lounge, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, fitted cloakroom
* Extended living room forming dining room and sitting area * Extensive landscaped garden
* Garage and driveway parking EPC=D
£295,000

Rowley Regis



Darby Street

* Semi-detached bungalow
* Close to Blackheath town centre
* Reception hall, lounge, kitchen
* Bedroom, bedroom 2/dining room, bathroom
* Pleasant gardens, off road parking, gas boiler radiators
EPC=D
Offers in the region of £130,000

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Max Road

* Semi-detached house
* Living room and dining room
* Downstairs wc
* Re-fitted kitchen
* Three bedrooms
* Re-fitted bathroom
EPC=F
Offers in the region of £169,950

Halesowen



Astley Avenue

* Semi-detached house
* Living room and dining room
* Utility and downstairs wc
* Three bedrooms
EPC=D
Offers in the region of £209,950

Oldbury



Swan Crescent

* Semi-detached house
* Kitchen/dining room
* Three bedrooms
* Off road parking
EPC=D
Offers in the region of £135,950

Selly Oak



Warwards Lane

* Much improved semi-detached house
* Three bedrooms
* Re-fitted kitchen & bathroom with shower cubicle
* Lovely rear garden
* No upward chain
EPC=D
Offers in the region of £179,950

Oldbury



Moat Road

* Mid terraced house
* Two reception rooms
* Two bedrooms and loft conversion
* First floor bathroom
EPC=D
Offers in the region of £104,950

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Chantry Drive

* Detached bungalow in sought after cul-de-sac location
* Dining room and living room
* Bedroom one with en-suite shower room
* Two further bedrooms
* Bathroom
* Garage EPC=D
Offers in the region of £325,000

Rowley Regis



Oldbury Road

* Semi detached house
* 3 Bedrooms
* 2 Reception rooms
* In need of general modernisation and improvement
EPC=D
Offers in the region of £99,950

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Four Acres

* Three storey town house
* Living room and good sized kitchen
* Three bedrooms
* Garage
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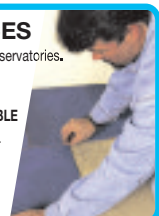
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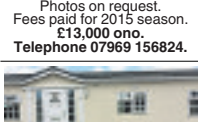
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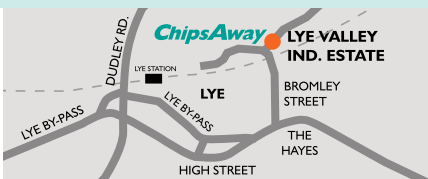
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Putting on the style at bargain price tag

By Ian Donaldson

Add style to most cars and you add cost too, sometimes paying a small fortune for something that stands out in a crowd.

And we don't seem to mind, a fact the car makers know only too well. It means they can bump up the bottom line and we keep smiling.

Well, here is a car that trades on its look to sell over the more mundane machine it's based on – but doesn't ask for extra for the privilege of a bit more style.

Say hello to the new Hyundai i20 coupe, closely based on the latest i20 hatchback but lacking a couple of doors and with the body subtly redrawn to give it a svelter look from the side.

The result is a car that won't frighten the horses but might just draw admiring glances as it attempts to park in the daily school run jamboree – looks that will turn to mild astonishment when the price is disclosed.

Because here is a car that seems a genuine bargain. No, make that a steal if you compare it with something like a Ford Fiesta with the same sized engine and a near equal price tag.

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Not only is the coupe the same price as the equivalent Hyundai hatch (which, admittedly gains rear doors over the coupe) but it's so well equipped compared to the Ford you wonder if the latter has lost a page of the brochure.

So before we take the i20 Coupe for a drive, let's examine its standard kit in some detail. For the less than £13,000 price tag you'll find alloy wheels, electrically-adjusted and heated door mirrors and front fog lights on the outside.

Move to the interior and you discover air conditioning, cruise control, rear parking sensors, audio controls on the steering wheel and a smartphone docking station atop the dash.

Dig deeper, to discover tyre pressure monitoring, hill start assist and a space saver spare wheel, not a bottle of doubtfully useful pressurised gloop. And don't forget Hyundai's five-year, unlimited mileage warranty that includes five years roadside assistance too.

By now you may be wondering if Hyundai has spent so much on the fixtures and fittings it has left no room to make a profit.

Well, there are obvious savings on the look and feel of the interior. It's all a bit drab and black and plasticky, but everything works with enough solid precision to promise a long and trouble-free life.

There's also enough room under the coupe's lowered roofline for a couple of adults in the rear, where they will find identical legroom to the five-door hatch and only a little headroom shaved off it the pursuit of style. The boot's a sensible size too.

Out on the road the little 1.2-litre engine does its best to be perky but doesn't really relish revs; better to let it relax a little and enjoy a ride that makes a very respectable job of flattening out our awful British road surfaces.

Driven with brio the test car's trip computer (another standard fitting) showed 46mpg at journey's end. That's a decent return but there is a diesel engine on offer (at a healthy £2,000 premium) that would do better still.

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Sako agents are looking to triple his weekly wage

BAKARY SAKO'S agents are said to have upped his demands to a whopping £80,000-a-week for his next move.

The out-of-contract Wolves winger, who has offers from a host of Premier League clubs including Albion and Villa, is reported to be asking for a massive £16m over a four-year contract.

Sako is hawking himself around but his representatives are said to be using the huge £80,000-a-week as a starting point for negotiations – double that of Albion's top earner Joleon Lescott, who is believed to be on £40,000-a-week.

The agents of the Mali international were sent packing last month by the Baggies and Villa after it emerged they were seeking £50,000-£60,000-a-week for their client.

Sako, who scored 36 goals in 118 league games for Wolves, is available on a Bosman free transfer when his deal runs out on June 30 and has his heart set on a move to the Premier League.

With no transfer fee, the former St Etienne wide man will pick up a hefty signing-on fee but is believed to be seeking huge wages as well.

In addition to Albion and Villa, Leicester, Newcastle, Stoke and Sunderland also considering a move for the 27-year-old, who has lucrative offers to go to the Middle East.

But his demands are likely to scare off any of those English clubs.

He earns £25,000-a-week at Molineux and Wolves said they would be making their 15-goal top scorer an offer but there is little point when his advisors are seeking such an extortionate amount.

Pulis' fears over burnout for Berahino

ALBION boss Tony Pulis has admitted his burnout fears for hot-shot Saido Berahino – but hailed the striker's maturity at the start of 2015.

Pulis is concerned the 21-year-old will be fatigued after representing England at this summer's Under-21s European Championships in the Czech Republic.

But the Baggies boss, who rested Berahino from his starting line-up at Newcastle last weekend, is full of praise for the academy product's development in recent months.

"I think he is enjoying his football and I think he has a better rapport now with everybody around the football club," said Pulis. "He is a better lad than he was when I first walked through the door."

"He is much more open, more together."

Full day of FA Cup final coverage

THE BBC is to will devote a whole day of programming to the FA Cup final, reviving the tradition of all-day coverage of the Wembley showpiece.

The match on Saturday May 30 sees Villa take on defending champions Arsenal on BBC One.

Highlights of the TV build-up to the big game include special editions of Saturday Kitchen and Top of the Pops 2.

There will also be special content on Radio 5 live and the BBC Sport website including BBC Breakfast, FA Cup Rewind: Classic Finals, MOTD Kickabout, Football Focus, Gary Lineker on the Road to FA Cup Glory and even Pointless FA Cup Special ahead of the full live up Final coverage which kicks-off at 5.30pm.

Meanwhile, Scott Sinclair has sealed a permanent £2.5million move from Manchester City.

But the winger has been told by manager Tim Sherwood his chances of making the starting line-up will depend on what formation is played. Sinclair has not started a game since the 1-0 defeat to Swansea on March 21, following Sherwood's decision to switch to a diamond formation in midfield. He was then dropped from the matchday 18 for the 1-0 win over West Ham before returning as a substitute in the 6-1 defeat at Southampton.

The deal to sign Sinclair on a permanent basis should Villa survive was struck before Sherwood replaced Paul Lambert in February. And the manager admits any return for Sinclair is likely to depend on tactics.

"I think if we go back to wide players then Scott will be an automatic choice to play there," said the Villa boss.

"It's horses for courses at the moment. That's the way we're choosing to play. That's not to say we will play that way between now and the end of the season."

"We may well change. Scott has been training, he's still a good lad and a good player."

"He hasn't become a bad player or anything like that."

"Sometimes we will play with wide players."

Full squad needed to stem losing run

HALESOWEN Chairman Richard Evans is keen to see a full strength side represent the club – after a third defeat in four outings.

They travelled to lowly Eastnor at the weekend and lost by eight wickets in front of Evans who made the trip to support the team.

After losing the toss and being asked to bat first on a damp, green wicket the Halesowen innings got off to the worst possible start when skipper Faisal Shahid, whose poor run of form with the bat continues, nicked a delivery from opening bowler Raheel Lone and was caught behind for just 3.

Fellow opener Hassan Qaumi (10) followed his captain back to the pavilion shortly afterwards again dismissed by Raheel who also removed the next two batsmen, Gabriel (17) and Zain Shahid (6), to leave Halesowen reeling at 43 for 4. Only Wes Griffiths (28) offered any resistance to the Eastnor attack and he was 9th out with the score only just into three figures.

Opener

The Halesowen innings was wrapped up shortly afterwards for 105 from only 38 overs. Raheel finished with impressive figures of 4-23 from his 10 over spell.

Taking the field Halesowen's Dan Jeavons struck immediately to remove opener Sunil Rahi for a duck when he was well caught by Tarryck Gabriel. However, Eastnor pair Fisher and Myers then put on on 74 for the second wicket to put the home team well in control.

Chairman Evans said: "It will be good to see what a full strength team can achieve, as we've only been in that position once this season thus far."

"However, it's apparent that we seem to lose sight of the tried and tested game plan that works. When batting first we have to build a platform from which to launch an assault on the bowling in the last 20 to set a target which shouldn't be difficult to defend."

Meanwhile at Seth Somers Park the second XI campaign continues to gather momentum and they made short work of disposing of Shrewsbury in a top of the table clash.

Saturday sees the First XI entertain Brewood .

Four Hales girls help win trophy



From left, Esme Moran, Lucy Hesselgrove, Ami Plimmer and Lucy Hesselgrove

FOUR Halesowen girls featured in Wolverhampton Wanderers under-18s Central Warwickshire league cup final victory against Great Wyrley at Rugby FC at the weekend.

The former Halas Hawkes team mates have just completed their first season for Wolves U-18s after moving up from the Wolves under 15's last season. They are also the youngest members of the squad.

Fifteen-year-old twins Sophie and Lucy Hesselgrove joined Wolves in 2012, whilst 16-year-old Ami Plimmer and 15-year-old Esme Moran joined in 2014.

Ironically, all four of the players are West Bromwich Albion supporters but still wear the old gold strip with pride. The cup final against Great Wyrley ended with Wolves winning the match 2-0, and retaining the cup for the fourth year running.

A victory in their final league match against Leek town on May 30 will ensure that they also win the league title.

Wolves are eyeing up £3m striker at Cardiff

WOLVES are being linked with a £3m move for Cardiff striker Joe Mason as Kenny Jackett looks to strengthen his strikeforce this summer.

The Molineux head coach is looking for another attacker to challenge Benik Afobe and Nouha Dicko after the departure of Kevin Doyle, Leon Clarke, Jake Cassidy and Ibrahim Keita.

Mason, aged 24, is under contract until 2018 and has scored 16 goals in 74 league games for the Bluebirds, who he helped to the Premier League in 2013 with six goals in 28 matches.

The striker also opened the scoring in the 2012 League Cup final when Cardiff lost on penalties to Liverpool after a 2-2 draw.

But as Bluebirds boss Russell Slade looks to strengthen his squad this summer, it is thought a sizeable offer could force Cardiff's hand.

Whether Wolves will bid that high remains to be seen, with the staggered £2m deal for Afobe the most Jackett has spent on one player in his two years in charge.

After failing to figure at all in Cardiff's Premier League season in 2013/14, Mason had the last of three loan spells at Bolton earlier this campaign, netting four times in 12 games after six in 16 matches in two previous spells for the Trotters.

Mason joined Cardiff in July 2011 for £250,000 from his hometown club Plymouth, where he scored 10 times in 53 league appearances.

Slade brought Mason back from Bolton this season, giving him a run of games at the back end of the campaign.

Wolves will play Shrews in a friendly

WOLVES have confirmed a second friendly on home soil with a visit to Shrewsbury Town.

Kenny Jackett's side will go to the Greenhous Meadow on Saturday, July 25 (3pm), a week after travelling to Burton Albion.

The club are finalising details of their domestic friendly schedule, which will include the traditional home fixture at Molineux. Earlier this week, Wolves announced a pre-season trip to France from July 5-11.

The squad are to be based at the French National Football Centre in Clairefontaine, about 30 miles south west of Paris and regarded as one of the best footballing academies in Europe.

The team are set to play two friendlies, provisionally set for July 8 and 10.



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Team 'would be cool' with Saido move

DARREN Fletcher believes Saido Berahino's West Bromwich Albion team mates would not begrudge the striker a move to a top club this summer.

Berahinotook his tally for the season to 20 with a superb brace against already-crowned Premier League Champions Chelsea on Monday night.

And Fletcher, who also starred in the team's 3-0 hammering of Jose Mourinho's high-fliers, said: "It's very difficult when big clubs come calling and he's an ambitious kid who wants to do well in the game.

"He will probably want to go on and represent England and all these different things.

"Who knows what the summer holds? We want him to stay, obviously, because he's a fantastic player but I don't think we'd begrudge him if a big team came calling and paid a lot of money to take him."

Fletcher, who spent 12 years playing at Manchester United prior to joining the Baggies, knows what it takes to excel at one Europe's biggest clubs, and he said Berahino has the hallmarks of a top-level striker.

He said: "We see him in training and he finishes really well, right in the corner."

"You see the difference with top strikers with the way they hit the ball and how it hits the net.

"He is very clinical and against a fantastic goalkeeper on Monday he produced a fantastic finish (for his second goal against Chelsea)."

Fletcher added: "He's a great lad who is willing to learn and willing to sacrifice himself for the team. He's had some long shifts up front on his own and he's done it and never complained."

Major changes at Villa are not on Sherwood's list

TIM Sherwood believes any major change in approach would be "mad" despite Villa's Southampton shocker.

The claret and blues conceded five goals in the first half as they were thumped 6-1 by the Saints.

But Sherwood is wary of reading too much into one performance, no matter how dire, and is vowing to stick by his principles.

"Our preparations were the same when we've been winning games," said the Villa boss. "You can't really change. You'd be mad to do that. You've got to believe.

"I know the way I want to work and I know the way I want the players to play and in the main it's worked but on Saturday it came unstuck."

Sherwood has promised the performance on the south coast will not be forgotten and was planning to review the video nasty of his side's opening 45 minutes.

"It's hard for me to make too many judgments," he said. "I want to watch it and see it again. "It's really hard to dissect it at the moment. You have to see what you can learn."

Whiley aiming to bring in more medals

HALESOWEN'S Jordanne Whiley is turning her attention to winning more World Team Cup medals for Great Britain on the back of claiming her latest major doubles title at the Japan Open in Iizuka over the weekend.

The 22-year-old wheelchair tennis star and Japan's Yui Kamiji, winners of the last five Grand Slam doubles titles together, beat Whiley's fellow Brit Lucy Shuker and Germany's Sabine Ellerbrock 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in Japan to earn their second Super Series doubles title together.

The top seeds earlier reached the title decider for the loss of just one game in their opening

Tennis

two doubles matches, while third seed Whiley wrapped up two comfortable straight sets wins to reach the women's singles semi-finals before bowing out 6-4, 6-2 to Dutch second seed and world No. 3 Aniek van Koot.

Whiley will now join forces with Shuker and Louise Hunt as the trio selected by the Tennis Foundation this week bid to improve on Great Britain's two silver medals over the last two years at the BNP Paribas World Team Cup, the wheelchair tennis equivalent of the Davis and Fed

Cups. "It's been really nice to spend time in Yui's home country and the people have been lovely. I've made my seeding in both singles and doubles, but personally I would say my performances have been below par, so I'm looking to find better form at the World Team Cup," said Whiley, who has been boosted this week by returning to No. 5 in the women's singles world rankings, while remaining world No. 2 in doubles.

The 2015 World Team Cup takes place next week in Antalya, Turkey, where Whiley, Shuker and Hunt were finalists in 2013 to claim the second of Britain's three silver medals in the women's World Group since 2009.

Afobe needs more graft, says Moxey

WOLVES chief executive Jez Moxey claims hotshot Benik Afobe must work harder if he is to become a top striker.

The £2m hitman has impressed after scoring 13 goals in 21 games for Wolves to take his tally to 32 in all competitions this season to make him the country's top scorer.

Afobe has been linked with Albion and Crystal Palace but while Moxey is convinced there is improvement in the 22-year-old, he says the striker must graft harder to fulfil his potential as Wolves head coach Kenny Jackett looks to get his frontmen to close down defenders more.

"For me, he's got to work both sides of the ball," said Moxey. "He's got better at it and the thing we really like about Benik is he's a development player. He just happened to be an Arsenal development player.

"He came through their academy system and he shares the same values as the vast majority of that dressing room shares. So he fits into the team really and thinks 'Do you know what? I have to improve'."

"The fact he's the country's leading scorer has us asking the question 'Can he do it two years in a row?'"

"Half of his season was in League One but if he scores 30 goals in the Championship then it would be a different kettle of fish."

Afobe is just the sort of quality signing head coach Kenny Jackett is looking to make this summer as he prepares to lose out-of-contract winger Bakary Sako.

Moxey says Wolves will spend as they look to improve on their finish. Moxey added: "If we could find another Benik Afobe, we'd get him," he said. "It comes at a price but we're willing to do that."

Jones signs deal with the Blues

FORMER Albion striker Alex Jones has signed a two-year contract at Birmingham City, with a further year's option.

The Wolverhampton-born 20-year-old - who was told he was being released by Albion at the end of the season - underwent a successful trial period at St Andrew's, having also spent time with Walsall.

He played in Blues Under-21s' final two league games of the season against Sheffield United and Barnsley, netting against the Tykes.

A product of the Baggies' Academy, Jones was a regular for Albion's development side, but did not make a first-team appearance for them prior to leaving the Hawthorns.

BAGGIES ENJOY BLUES REVENGE

Albion 3 Chelsea 0

EIGHTEEN months and 10 days later, Albion fans got their sweet revenge.

"Three-nil to the Mickey Mouse" rang around The Hawthorns as the Baggies ended an often trying season with an evening of pure joy.

As if beating the Premier League champions out of sight wasn't fun enough, the Baggies got to rub Jose Mourinho's nose in it a year and a half after his infamous 'Mickey Mouse' rant at Stamford Bridge left him as Public Enemy No.1 among Baggies fans.

They got to see two special goals and an emphatic penalty from their side as Saido Berahino ended his nine-match goal drought with a stunning strike and a fine spot-kick before Chris Brunt capped a brilliant individual display with a thunderous goal.

And they got to witness one of the most bizarre red cards in Premier League history as Cesc Fabregas almost took Brunt's head off with a shot from 20 yards away during an odd mele.

Perfect

It all meant a perfect end for Tony Pulis and his side to a season that is ending with them safely in mid-table despite a genuine flirtation with relegation.

And the style with which they brushed Mourinho's men aside will give them real hope for better times to come next season. Albion, with James Morrison and Callum McManaman restored to the starting line-up along with Berahino, made a bright start.

However, such was the positivity of Albion's start that it was little surprise when they took the lead on 20 minutes with a stunning goal.

Chris Brunt's pass to Joleon Lescott was clever, Lescott's first-time lay-off was excellent and Berahino's curling shot with his right foot was magnificent, bending around a stranded Thibaut Courtois and inside the post.

Chelsea responded immediately with a clever attack that ended with Nemanja Matic sending a left-footed effort just wide from the edge of the area.

And makeshift Baggies right-back Craig Daw-



John Terry upends Berahino to concede a penalty, which the striker converted

son showed his growing confidence. If the first half had started well for Albion, the second 45 minutes began perfectly. Berahino drilled a great penalty into the bottom corner.

And on 60 minutes the Baggies were in dreamland as Brunt made it 3-0.

The former Baggies captain cut in from the right and let fly with a left-footed rocket that was too powerful for Courtois, who was beaten low at his near-post.

That sparked the start of carnival time in the stands with Baggies fans lapping up every second of their success against the Premier League champions.

Chelsea produced a response of sorts and Matic had to make a great save to keep out a Matic shot after Cahill had flicked on a Felipe Luis corner. But the Baggies continued to enjoy themselves and Brunt and Morrison linked up well to provide Berahino with a chance of his hat-trick, but the striker skied his shot.

There were some pantomime boos for Izzy Brown, the former Albion teenager who made his Chelsea bow against his old club as a late substitute.

But that reaction flew in the face of the jubilant mood of the evening as Albion fans were given an occasion to savour.

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